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## Gov. vetoes bills on Everglades

Reacting to Gov. Lawton Chiles's veto last week of two bipartisan bills that sugar growers say assured legislative oversight of Everglades restoration and that property owners receive just compensation when their land is taken, United States Sugar Corp. said the governor bowed to pressure from Vice President Al Gore and environmentalist activists in an effort to boost the gubernatorial campaign of Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay.

"It is disappointing that the governor would bow to pressure from Vice President Gore and other environmental extremist organizations in an effort to help his lieutenant governor's failing political campaign," said U.S. Sugar spokesman Robert Buker. "It is obvious that opponents of this bill want the bureaucracy to commit the state of Florida to raising billions in new taxes without our state's elected officials being involved in the decision."

The first-vetoes measure, said Mr. Buker, HB 4141, would have provided for oversight by the Florida Legislature of an \$8 billion replumbing and restoration of South Florida — the single largest public works project in the state's history. It affects land and people from Orlando to Key West. The bill includes the Florida Legislature in the state approval process just as Congress is included in the federal

approval process.

The second bill Gov. Chiles vetoed was House Bill 4071, which was worded to ensure that all Florida property owners receive just compensation when their land is taken by eminent domain, as guaranteed by the Constitution and the Bert Harris Private Property Rights Act.

Without this legislation, Mr. Buker said federal bureaucrats and the unelected South Florida Water Management District staff and board will determine the replumbing plan and require that billions in taxes be imposed on Floridians. The restudy plan will require the Florida taxpayers, as a 50% partner with the federal government, to pay up to \$4 billion of the project's cost. Mr. Buker says that money will come from new taxes. Lawmakers from both parties said they had a responsibility to provide oversight of this massive project and monitor the state's commitment on how those funds are to be spent. The Legislature is expected to take up the measure again next year.

"It is frightening that Gov. Chiles and Lt. Gov. MacKay have taken control of taxation away from the Florida Legislature and surrendered it to federal bureaucrats. These federal bureaucrats, who don't answer to Florida taxpayers, can now force billions in taxes and Floridians will have nothing to say about it," Mr. Buker said.



(SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting)  
THE LONG WALK...Co-Valedictorians for Glades Day School Parker Altman and Courtney Braddock led the graduation procession last Friday night. Parker addressed his classmates and the audience of parents and well wishers by saying, "Your hope for the next century is in good hands."

## Juvenile arrested for throwing "acid bomb"

Police arrested a 15-year-old Belle Glade youth after he allegedly threw an "acid bomb" in the roadway in the area of West Avenue A and S.W. 8th Street recently.

Sgt. M. Sweet and Det. K. Kuschel of the Belle Glade Police Department said they were searching for a suspect of an armed robbery on May 19 when the incident occurred. One of the officers recognized the youth after he threw the bomb and ran. The officers chased and caught the suspect and he was charged with discharging a destructive device, a second degree felony. He was arrested and later turned over to the Division of Juvenile Justice.

## Many teens deny being members of gangs

By KATRINA ELSKEN  
Contributing Editor

They won't quite admit they belong to a gang...not quite.

When questioned about gangs, several girls at a south Florida high school automatically look toward another student.

"Why is everyone looking at me?" she demands. "I'm not in a gang."

She admits she knows people in gangs. Everyone on campus knows who it is in the gangs, she adds. It's no secret among the students.

"Why do teenagers join gangs?" she is asked. "It's like a family," she says. "If you're in a gang you take care of each other. You back each other up."

She says she feels safe on the streets, safer even than in school.

"On the streets, she says, she knows where to go and where not to go. She knows how to stay out of harm's way."

At school, you have to watch your step, she adds. If you accidentally bump into the wrong person, you could be in trouble. But gang membership carries its own

gang find out you didn't stand up for them, they'll punish you, she adds.

Elsewhere on campus, a group of young men enjoy the bright sunshine during their lunch break.

They too say everyone knows who the gangs are. If you look around the school during lunch, it might seem the students spread out in a random pattern, but you can come out any day and certain ones will be in the same places, says one. Rival gang members know to stay out of each other's areas, he said. They don't risk confrontations at school because they know they will be arrested, he said. They also leave the clothing and other signs of gang membership off campus.

He has to stay in school as part of his probation, he explains. He doesn't violate school rules. Why do teens join gangs?

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## Man caught breaking into Drawbridge restaurant

A man was caught redhanded by police after he broke into the Drawbridge Cafe on Marina Road and caused over \$1,600 worth of damage.

Belle Glade Police say they responded to an alarm at the business about 4 a.m., Sunday morning. They observed a man inside the restaurant who was later identified as Isaac Byrd. Police say Byrd entered the business by breaking the glass door and a glass window and frame.

Byrd ran from the restaurant when he saw the officers and was caught outside the building. Byrd was charged with burglary and taken to the Palm Beach County Jail.

hazards.

"If you're in a gang and someone comes up to you and starts disrespecting your gang, you have to fight," she says. If you don't fight, and members of your

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## • Save Our Rivers •

By TWILA VALENTINE

### Land Stewardship

According to a recently released report from the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida Resource Rivers Act specifically states that lands acquired with money from the Water Management Lands Trust Fund shall be managed and maintained in an environmentally acceptable manner and, to the practicable extent, in such a way as to restore and protect their natural state and condition and make available to the public for appropriate recreational purposes.

The Water Management Lands Trust Fund may be allocated annually to the district for management, maintenance and capital improvements. District activities directed at achieving this level of stewardship are part of the Stewardship program.

The mission of the Land Stewardship Program is to plan and implement measures necessary for the proper management of land and associated water areas

owned or controlled by the district. These lands generally include those acquired by the Save Our Rivers program and other large holdings not utilized for operational or administrative purposes.

As steward of district lands, the Program is responsible for their protection, enhancement, restoration, and preservation for the beneficial use and enjoyment

sources.

The program is primarily directed by the Land Stewardship Division of the district with assistance from several other district departments, service centers and field stations. Considerable assistance in managing the lands is provided by other governmental agencies and volunteers through cooperative agreements. Where appropriate, the private sector is encouraged to undertake certain management activities through leases and concession contracts.

A variety of sources pay for the district's land management costs. The principal source is the Water Management Lands Trust Fund. This state documentary tax stamp revenue provides \$12 million annually.

The district receives \$1 million in indirect services from the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and local governments. Most of this money is for

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**Lake Level**  
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**Sun Spots**  
Applications being accepted for Harrelle/Booker Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the Brian Harrelle-Jeff Booker Memorial Scholarship for the 1998-99 school year. The deadline to apply is June 19, 1998 and applications are available in the office at Glades Day School.

For more information, please call Shannon, 996-7721, Erin at 996-5681, or Denalda at 996-3672.

The scholarship committee will also be holding a car wash on Saturday, June 6 at Lake Hardware from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a barbecue on Saturday, June 27 at the Belle Glade Alliance Church. Tickets are \$7.

Workshops offered for those who would like to own their own home

Centro Campestino Farmworker Center invites all persons who want to own a home to a special series of workshops.

The workshops will be held at Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

399 Canal Street in Roderville, Belle Glade. The classes are designed to help residents in the process to obtain a loan and become a successful home owner.

For more information on the workshops call Centro Campestino at 996-3688.

**Stand for Children Day is Saturday**

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the "Stand for Children Day" on Saturday, June 6 at Pioneer Park on SR 715.

Activities begin at 9 a.m. and will include food and drinks, basketball, football, softball, volleyball, creative dance, forums, oratorical presentations, table games, step shows, tennis, soccer, horse shoe games and live entertainment. A gospel sing will be held at 6:30 p.m. and will climax the day's activities.

Sponsored by Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, the Rev. Leon Camel, Jr. and members of the church invite everyone to attend this day of free activities at Pioneer Park.

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# Sun Spots



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## Volunteers sought for Red Cross

The Glades area service center of the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross are in search of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed who are willing to be trained in water safety, CPR or First Aid Instruction. Volunteers are also needed for other tasks at the Red Cross office in Belle Glade.

There will be a regular CPR and First Aid class on June 13 at the Glades Service Center, 425 Northwest Canal Street.

To register for classes or to volunteer call 992-9703 or (941) 675-8000.

## Belle Glade, Pahokee offering free smoke detectors to residents

Belle Glade and Pahokee Fire Departments have a number of smoke detectors they will be giving away to residents.

Belle Glade Fire Chief Steve Rice and Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs said the detectors are free to anyone who does not currently have smoke detectors, particularly low income and elderly residents in the city. Fire personnel will install the alarms and will also perform a complimentary home safety survey while they are there.

Call Pahokee Fire Rescue at 924-2424 to set up an appointment with Fire Chief Burroughs or in Belle Glade call Lt. Hamilton at 996-2032.

## Activities for seniors open and free

Glades residents 65 years old and older are invited to participate in activities held daily at the West County Senior Citizen

Center, 2916 St. Road 15, Belle Glade.

Administrator Effie McNair said many fun activities are scheduled for the participants, including a birthday cake and punch party held the last Friday of each month. Other activities include weekly movies, monthly trips to the mall, and craft classes. Fire prevention and safety classes can be held in Seniors' homes and free blood pressure screening is offered.

For more information or transportation, call Mrs. McNair at 996-4808.

## Low cost equipment and engine repair

The Diesel Mechanics class at West Technical Education Center is offering low cost engine and equipment repair to Glades residents.

Residents can get their equipment repaired and/or inspected by diesel mechanic students under the supervision of Certified Mechanics Instructor Manuel Moya. Participants will only be charged for parts and a minimum shop fee.

For more information, call the school at 996-4930 and ask for Mr. Moya.

## Baha'i plan Sunday meetings

The Baha'i community in the Glades will be holding spiritual meetings each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Magdalene Carney Baha'i Institute, 130 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Belle Glade. A prayer session begins at 10 a.m. and classes for adults, youth and children start at 10:30 a.m. A covered dish luncheon will take place at noon and a youth workshop begins at 1 p.m.

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Anyone needing additional information can contact Elinor Walker, coordinator at 996-1959.

## Free transportation

The Division of Senior Services will be providing medical transportation from the Glades area to Royal Palm Beach, Wellington and West Palm Beach for those persons who are 60 and over.

Please call Effie McNair at the Senior Services Center, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or call 561-233-0400.

## Bereavement Support Group offered

Hospice of Palm Beach County is offering bereavement support for local residents. Anyone who is having a difficult time dealing with the death of an important person in their life, struggling with loneliness and a changing social role, is invited to attend.

For further information call 996-1285.

## NA and AA meetings

There are two narcotic anonymous groups that meet in the Glades and new members are always welcome.

Sweet Miracles meets on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 N.W. Avenue H, Belle Glade. They have open discussions and speakers.

There is also a PANDA (Pregnant And Addicted) meeting every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the PANDA office, 816 N.W. Avenue D, Belle Glade. This meeting is for women only and is an open discussion meeting.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets on Monday evenings at 8:30

p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 N.W. Avenue G, Belle Glade. Participation in any of these meetings is strictly confidential.

Anyone needing additional assistance or who has questions can call Narcotics Anonymous at 561-848-NANA.

## Children welcome

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, Inc. PEPPY Head Start, is recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children. All are welcome, including children with disabilities and there are no fees. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718. Contact persons are Barbara Green or Tammy Kyles.

## Applications available for Leadership Glades

Now in its eighth year, Leadership Glades is seeking emerging leaders of the Glades for the 1998-99 class. If you are interested or know someone who is, applications are now available at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Deadline is Friday, June 5. Call Danielle Penul at 996-2745 for more information.

## "Stop the Violence Day" events planned, June 13

Neighborhood Buddies is sponsoring "Stop the Violence Day" activities on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 8 a.m. with a Walk-A-Thon and a concert. Events will take place at Hand Park in front of NOAH Development's Covenant Village. For more information, call 996-6738 or 996-1088.

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# Teens in denial

# GANGS

## GANGS/From 1

For protection, the boys say.

"You join a gang for protection against other gangs," one explains. "If you get into a fight, it's not one-on-one. It's a whole group, maybe ten guys against you. You need a gang to

have someone to back you up."

If you're in a gang, you don't have to be afraid, said another. At least, you don't have to be afraid as long as you are on your own turf.

He admits to getting "a little paranoid," if he has to leave his hometown.

# Save Our Rivers

## RIVERS/From 1

law enforcement services.

The district seeks other revenue generating opportunities, especially the opportunity available from various regulatory programs seeking off-site mitigation. Presently, this source of revenue provides about \$300,000 annually.

The balance of the money needed to fund this program, about 7.5 percent, comes from the district's budget and property taxes.

The stewardship program is comprised of six major functions: Strategic, project and management planning; Operation and maintenance of land resources; Development of public use programs; Development of restoration projects; Evaluation of management activities (monitoring); and, Administration of land management service contracts.

• Strategic Planning

This unit prepares the district's Save Our Rivers five-year plan. They then integrate the plan with other district planning functions, and the land acquisition and management programs of other state, county and local governments.

Some of the highlights of this unit during 1997 include: Approved four new projects and revisions to eight existing projects; With revisions added 87,660 acres to the land acquisition plan; Revised policy to evaluate and select lands for the acquisition program; Completed Preservation 2000 needs and priority study.

• Project Planning  
This unit evaluates all potential SOR projects before they are placed in the five-year plan. They rate the water and other natural resources of the proposed projects to produce the five-year plan.

Some of the highlights of this unit during 1997 include: Management plans completed for Shingle Creek and Lake Marion Creek; Agreement with Ocala County School board for Lake Russell tract; Agreement with Nature Conservancy for lands in Reedy Creek.

Some of the goals for the current fiscal year include: Conduct reviews for five management areas; Initiate management plans for the Kissimmee River, Kissimmee Chain of Lakes and Reedy Creek; Complete management plan for Lake Marion Creek Management Area; and, Complete forestry management study.

• Operation and Maintenance of Land Resources

The land maintenance program involves a wide range of activities to protect, maintain and enhance the natural resources and the district's real property assets. Several professional land managers, with unique skills and experience are based in both the service centers and at district headquarters, implement the program.

An program of contractual law enforcement, on-site caretakers, lessees' vigilance, and employer inspections protects the natural resources and the district's assets. The protection program must be open to appropriate public use of the lands.

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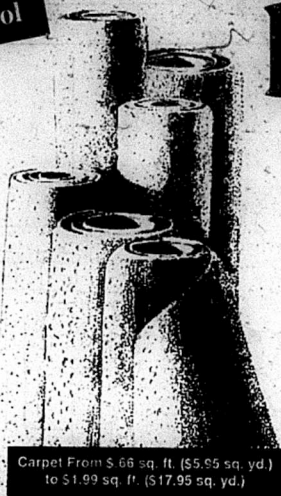
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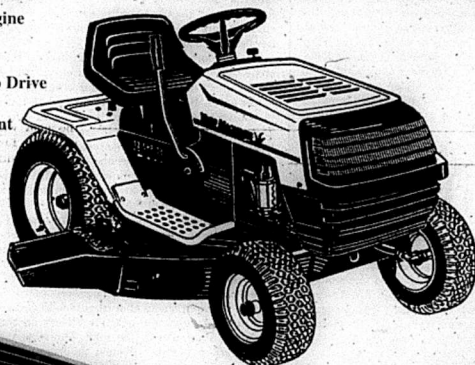
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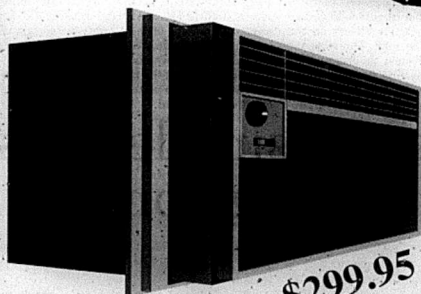
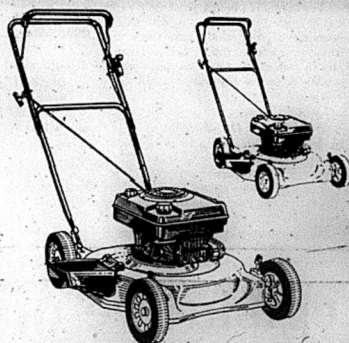
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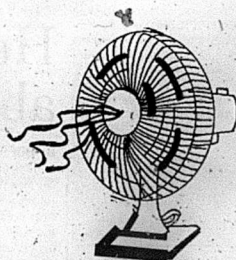


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### Correcting information

"I'm calling about the **Speak Out** last week about the youth misbehaving after the dance at the old Pahokee High School gym. It is totally incorrect that the City of Pahokee Recreation Department sponsored the dance. The caller, he or she, should have first found out the facts before they publically denounced any recreation department or any person. There was a dance at the recreation department, but the recreation department had nothing to do with it. The caller probably doesn't realize that facility is rented out occasionally to other people. At that particular time it was rented out to another group of people. The recreation department, under the recreation director, had nothing to do with this dance. He was out of town anyway. What I'm saying is - before you bust a rock, find out how hard it is to bust it. And before you denounce a group, make sure you know the facts, or try to do like Sherlock Holmes does, try to seek and research the facts before you publicly denounce any group. Thank you."

### More on the dance

"I'm calling in reference to this week's **Speak Out** 'Youth Misbehave after dance.' A correction for the person, who called it in. This dance was not sponsored by the City of Pahokee Parks and Recreation Department, it was sponsored by a private citizen. The City of Pahokee maybe needs to have better regulations when private citizens are having activities, so they can have police escorts, if that is necessary, since there seems to be a pattern of destruction that happens after each dance. Anyway, I'd like to hear the city's review on that, because it was not sponsored by the parks and recreation department."

**Editor's note:** Thank you both for setting the record straight. Anytime someone inadvertently gives incorrect information, please let us know and we will always allow space to set the record straight. Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck comments: "In response to the concern about problems after dances, I agree there are problems that need to be addressed and the city commission is scheduled to meet and discuss this issue. However, all of the problems are not associated with city functions. The dance on May 22 was not a city sponsored function. During city functions our staff actually walks home with the youth to try to eliminate these types of problems. This doesn't solve everything, but it helps."

### Caller doesn't like officers "hanging out" at convenience store

"I remember reading an article in the paper many months back about problems they had in the Port St. Lucie area in reference to the police officers hanging out in donut shops all the time. If you'd like to see something really keen, go up to the Town Star near the Canal Point area and watch in the afternoon as all the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office deputies there. I have counted as many as six vehicles there at one time."

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## Legislative update...

- ### A report from State Representative Addie L. Greene
- The Florida House of Representatives 1998 Legislative Session was a great success. The following legislation and funded projects will be implemented in Palm Beach County.
- **Community Environmental Health Program:** This legislation will ensure the availability of public health services to members of low-income communities that may be adversely affected by contaminated sites located in or near the community associated with exposure of environmental contamination.
  - **Child Care Facilities Requirements:** Authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services to adopt different standards for child care facilities that serve different age groups, including school-age children.
  - **Ad Valorem Tax Exemption:** This legislation allows an exemption of 1994 taxes owed by NOAH (Neighbors Organized for Adequate Housing) of Belle Glade. This organization, due to an inadvertent error, failed to file tax exemption in a timely manner.
  - **Parkinson/Respite and Day Care Programs:** This funding will establish the first site in Palm Beach County for persons stricken with Parkinson's Disease. It creates a Parkinson's Disease Advisory Committee to include Parkinson's research and assistance to families and victims of Parkinson's Disease.
  - **Belle Glade Business Park:** This funding will allow rehabilitation of the Belle Glade Business Park in Belle Glade.

## Global warming could disrupt agriculture around the globe

University of Florida researchers are peeking into the next century at what might happen to food crops if global warming continues at its current rate, and what they found is a good newsworthy situation.

In the short run, the research shows, some crops thrive in warmer temperatures caused by increases in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. But the picture could worsen later in the century if temperatures climb and rainfall patterns change around the globe.

One glimmer of hope: new genetically engineered plants that produce high yields in a changing environment.

"Carbon dioxide is the key to plant growth, and rising levels of the gas may be a silver lining for agriculture for a few decades," says Hartwell Allen, crop and climate research scientist with the UF's Institute of Food and Agriculture Sciences.

"Our research shows that increases in carbon dioxide do have some positive effects on the growth of most plants," he said. "However, too much carbon dioxide will heat the atmosphere and disrupt agriculture around the globe as we know it."

"The warming changes will come very gradually over many decades. We're certainly not going to start growing citrus in Georgia or winter vegetables in Minnesota anytime soon, if ever."

The research project, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, began in 1981 on soybeans and has been expanded to other crops during the last 10 years.

To find out how peanuts, rice, soybeans, sugar cane and forage crops react to elevated carbon dioxide, temperature, humidity and soil moisture levels, UF researchers are using computer-controlled greenhouses and growth chambers to simulate climate and environmental changes that may begin unfolding early in the next century.

In testing various "what if" scenarios for Florida agriculture, Allen and UF agronomist Ken Boote found that changes in temperature and rainfall could be the most troublesome. While slightly elevated temperatures did not affect the growth of most crops tested, global warming could cause rainfall to drop in some parts of the world and increase in others.

"We're convinced the biggest problem could be changes in rainfall patterns and the availability of water," Allen said.

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### By Bill Phelan

Many people regard nursing homes as they do the hospital or dentist's office: a place you'd rather not deal with if at all possible. That attitude is changing as more families in Florida are faced with aging and increasingly medically-dependent parents or grandparents. It's then when the state's 700 nursing homes are viewed in a more realistic light and seen as the community resources they are.

If you're considering long-term care for a family member, or the next time you see or hear news accounts about nursing homes, keep these simple facts in mind:

- People in nursing homes are there because they need to be there. They must have around-the-clock medical care their own families simply cannot furnish. Long-term care providers enable a resident to have the highest quality of life possible.
- Nursing home care is expensive; about \$30,000 a year minimum. As a result, about two-thirds of all Florida nursing home residents have their care paid for by Medicaid, the state/federal program for the poor.
- Nursing homes are held to very high standards by no fewer than 32 local, state and federal government agencies. Ninety-five percent meet or exceed these criteria.
- Long-term care workers have the toughest job in all of health care. It's hard, sometimes exhausting work that requires special people.
- Humans are not perfect. In our state, if a nursing home resident is harmed by someone else's actions, the law will hold that person accountable.
- Very old and very sick people will die in nursing homes, just as they will die in hospitals, hospices and at home. It's a fact of life. Even the best medical and nursing care cannot undo the natural aging process. Most families understand and accept this reality, but some will have difficulty.
- Things are getting better. The legislature has authorized greater funding for nursing homes and regulators are paying closer attention to the handful of facilities that fall below the line.
- Finally, lawyer TV commercials that portray all nursing homes as dangerous and its workers as abusers do a tremendous disservice to families, professional reputations, and the truth. Perhaps worse, they often frighten elderly people and further complicate sensitive family discussions. Our elders deserve better, and so do their families who must make difficult choices for them when they no longer can care for themselves.

**Bill Phelan is the executive director of the Florida Health Care Association, which represents the state's 700 nursing homes and 2,100 assisted living facilities. He can be reached at P.O. Box 1459, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-1459. Visit the FHCA's web site at [www.fhca.org](http://www.fhca.org)**



## Sun Spots

BRIEFS/From 2

### Volunteers sought to teach seniors computer skills

Do you have a few hours a week you could spare to help our local senior citizens? Do you have computer skills and the patience to teach others what you know?

The West County Senior Citizens Center is seeking someone to instruct seniors in the basics of computer skills.

For more information or to volunteer call Effie McNair at 996-4808.

### Lifebuilders offer to do free home repairs

Lifebuilders, a Christian group in the Glades, is offering to do free home repairs for needy families.

The men are especially

interested in helping widows in the Glades who need home repairs but cannot afford to have them done.

For more information, call 996-0508 or 924-7284.

### Spice Girls tickets!

First Union Bank is raffling off two Spice Girls tickets. Buy a chance to win for \$10, to their sold-out concert at the Coral Sky Amphitheater June 15.

100% of the proceeds will benefit March of Dimes.

The drawing is June 8. To purchase a ticket stop by First Union Bank or call (561) 996-4441.

### Recovery Group at Good Shepherd

A Christ-centered recovery

group meets every Monday evening at the Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. and the public is welcome. The church is located at 1800 Bacom Point Road, Pahokee.

### GED test to be offered at Glades Central

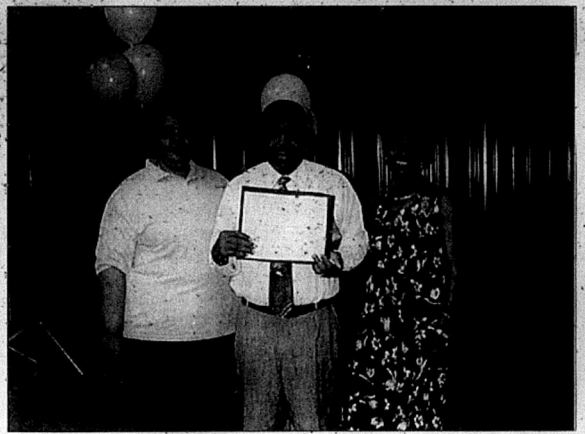
The General Education Diploma (GED) will be given at Glades Central Community High School on June 9, 10, and 11 at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Adults interested in taking the test should register in the community school office before 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5. The cost of the test is \$40.

For more information, call 993-4404.

### Vacation Bible School

The Pahokee First United Methodist Church will be conducting its Vacation Bible School from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. on June 15-19 for children ages 3-12. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. on June 15.



**VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED.** Glade View Elementary held a Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on Friday, May 29 at the school. Over 100 volunteers were honored and special recognition went to Douglas Green, (shown center) account executive for the Work Force Development Board. Lockheed Martin for the Wages Program. Glade View Principal Paul Fulford, (left) and Parent Liaison Jesse Terry, (right) present the award to Mr. Green.

### SPEAK OUT/PAGE 4

Do we need this many deputy sheriff's hanging out in this area. This is ridiculous. I thought we put the sheriff in there to clean things up, not to glare on one store. Please check into this. Thank you."

**Editor's response:** These deputy sheriff's are not just "hanging out" at this Town Star. This location is a new sub-station for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Department. In a partnership with businesses, more and more police departments are working toward higher visibility in communities by having their

officers do their paperwork and return telephone calls from designated work stations in high traffic businesses. The Belle Glade Police Department has a work station at McDonalds on South Main Street. The Town Star management in Canal Point is pleased with the arrangement and citizens in the area welcome the officers to their neighborhoods.

We did a story about this sub-station a few weeks ago. Our caller must have missed reading this issue.

In another matter, Pahokee

City Manager Ken Schenck is responding to recent Speak Out calls about an employee accident. He says: "In response to the concern about the city paying for an employee accident - that was a decision I made after reviewing the facts of the situation. The vehicle was being used for city business and I felt we were obligated to be involved.

If the caller would contact me, I would be glad to go into details. I have taken steps to make sure it doesn't happen again."

## Crimestoppers

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Robert Earl Smith, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of burglary of a dwelling and for felony criminal mischief, obstruction of an officer without violence and assault.

Smith is a black male, 5'10", weighing 200 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is June 29, 1966. His Social Security

Number is 264-67-8210.

His address is unknown but he was last seen in Belle Glade. His last occupation was as a forklift operator. His warrant was active as of May 26, 1998.

If you know the whereabouts of Smith, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Robert Earl Smith

## Belle Glade Police Department arrest blotter

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 668 complaints, worked 12 crime scenes and gave 17 traffic citations the week of May 25-31.

Those arrested included: May 25 - John Morris, 38, burglary and petty theft; Adalberto Garcia, 23, domestic battery; Juvenile, 17, robbery and petty theft; Robin Dowdell, 36, aggravated stalking.

May 26 - Jean Felix, 18, failure to appear; Juvenile,

13, aggravated battery on a pregnant woman; Michael Pittman, 38, domestic battery; Archie Monroe, 48, violation of probation.

May 27 - Bernard Robertson, 44, petty theft; James Jones, 34, retail theft, robbery and obstruction by a disguised person; Antavious Tarver, 19, armed robbery; petty theft.

May 28 - Jefferson Berry, 36, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; loitering and prowling; Bennie Clayton, 40, dis-

orderly conduct, resisting an officer with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer; Frederick Royal, 20, trespassing.

May 29 - Clifford Kitchen, 47, exposure of sexual organs; Jean Thelemaave, 28, domestic battery.

May 30 - No arrests made.

May 31 - Daryl Johnson, 32, two counts of contempt of court; Isaac Byrd, 52, burglary and resisting an officer without violence.

## South Bay Police Department arrest blotter

The South Bay Police Department made 15 arrests, gave out 41 citations, 42 written warnings, handled 15 offenses, six incidents, 81 misc. incidents and two accidents the week of May 24-30.

Those arrested included: May 24 - Miguel Chapeiro, 38, disorderly intoxication and violation of the open container law.

May 25 - James M. Bent, 22, aggravated assault and

simple battery; Samuel Terrell McKenzie, 28, warrant for aggravated battery and battery on a law enforcement officer; John H. Peake, 41, retail theft and simple battery; Malachi Scott, 37, domestic battery.

May 26 - Juvenile, 15, battery.

May 27 - Nakia Antonio Bess, 22, warrant for battery on a law enforcement officer and aggravated battery and

aggravated assault on an officer.

May 28 - Manuel Breil, 38, warrant for failure to pay child support.

May 29 - April Verdelde Hester, 21, aggravated battery; Aleathia Vickers, 41, carrying a concealed weapon; Lavonda Vonricka Collins, 23, obstruction and resisting arrest without violence; Juvenile, 16, domestic battery.

May 30 - No arrests made.

## Pahokee Police Department arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department made 15 arrests the week of May 24-31.

Those arrested included: May 24 - Ossie Polk, 23, domestic battery; Jeffery Jones, 21, trespassing after warning; Paul Bowles, 22, trespassing after warning; Jeovanny Torres, 22, domestic battery.

May 25 - Juvenile, 15, warrant for contempt of court.

May 26 - Charlie McClinton, 40, strongarm robbery; Jeffery Jones, 21, domestic battery; Jaime Alwardo, 21, assault.

May 27 - Roy Rodriguez, 32, assault; Lonnie Powell, 39, beverage violation.

May 28 - No arrests made.

May 29 - Juvenile, 17, felony battery.

May 30 - Jennifer Johnson, 21, possession of an open alcoholic beverage.

May 31 - Lavayre Hickman, 21, discharging a firearm in public; Juvenile, 13, retail

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# The latest on engagements

## Morris & Wells to wed



Anita Lyn Morris is the daughter of David and Rebecca Morris of Belle Glade. She is a 1992 graduate of Christian Day School and a 1994 graduate of Palm Beach Community College. Anita is currently working for Advanced Refrigeration in Orlando.

Sammy Joe Wells, Jr. is the son of Loretta Hagan and Sam Well, Sr., of Alabama. He is a stock broker with Charles Schwab.

Anita and Joe plan to marry Saturday, June 13, at Parkway Baptist Church, Orlando, in a double ring ceremony.

## Walden & Underwood to wed

Patricia Kelleher Walden of South Bay is the daughter of Barbara and George Kelleher of Lake Placid, FL.

She is an Office Manager at Belle Glade Produce sales, Inc. Michael John Underwood of Belle Glade is the son of Ann and John Underwood of Melbourne, FL.

He is employed with the City of Belle Glade as the Administrator of Parks and Recreation. Michael also coaches varsity baseball and football at Glades Day School.

On Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m., the couple will unite in a double ring ceremony at the Belle Glade Marina & Campground Pavilion on Tory Island. The Rev. Sheryl Tillery will officiate.

All friends of the couple are invited. No local invitations are being mailed.

## Army, Air Force and Navy

Jesus Gauna has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Royal Palm Beach, FL.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$40,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Gauna, a student at Glades Central Community High School, will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., for basic training July 1, 1998. He is the son of Irma Garza of Heath-Bay.

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The City of Pahokee and the Glades Administrative Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta held a Stand For Children Day at the Pahokee Recreational Center on May 30. This event was a great success. Over 300 children attended and participated in basketball tournaments, dunking booths, reptile shows and many other games. Parents on Patrol were there to watch over the children as well as other community volunteers. The children enjoyed a day of fun, games and free food.

## Obituaries - Week of June 4, 1998

**Sis. Mary Jacqueline Cahela** was born January 15, 1934 in Etowah County, Alabama, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Louisa Sparks. She was united to the late Bro. Charles Cahela in holy matrimony for 21 years. She joined Miracle Temple Ministry in 1985 under the leadership of Rev. Alvin Eugene Nichols, where she remained faithful until her illness. She was always willing to give a helping hand to whomever needed. She departed this life on May 26, at Glades Health Care in Pahokee, FL.

She is survived by three daughters, Debra, Sandra, and Mindy, all of Alabama, and one spiritual daughter, Margaret Lawton of Belle Glade; grandchildren - Destiny, Tabitha, Jennifer, and Kerry and two great grandsons - Ryne and Mathew all of Marshall County, Alabama. And a host of other friends.

Interment was held at Port Mayaca Cemetery on Tuesday, June 2. Glades Funeral Chapel had charge of arrangements.

**Rosemary Rouse** was born December 22, 1938 in Ohio, to the late Leo and Mary McCrady. She died Tuesday, May 26 in West Palm Beach.

Rosemary was a Registered Nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was also a member of St. Luke's Church in West Palm Beach.

She is survived by daughter - Deborah Ortega and husband Pedro, Laura Uribe and husband Ruben, Teresa Cotto and husband Freddie; son - Edward Rouse of Okala, FL; sisters - Norma Jean Merkle and husband Robert, Ruth McCrady, Jean McConnell and husband Richard of Rockledge, FL; Sister Mary Lee of Ohio, Sharon Arguello of Pahokee; brothers - Richard McCrady of Jasper, FL, David McCrady and wife Pat, William McCrady and wife Judy all of Lantana, FL; three grandchildren - Michael, April and Patricia Cotto.

Services were held Thursday, May 28 at a relatives home in Lantana.

**Susie Parrish Shirley**, 94, of Holmes Beach, Florida passed away May 14.

Susie was born in Parrish, FL in 1904, the town was named after her family. She later became a school teacher and moved to Pahokee to teach. After moving to Pahokee she married L.L. Shirley. One of her first grade students in 1938 was Nina Rushton, who became her daughter-in-law in 1951 when she married Jimmy Shirley.

In the mid sixties Susie and Linn moved to Holmes Beach.

Susie was preceded in death by her husband Linn in 1987. She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Shirley of Pahokee, and Bob Shirley of Ft. Meade, FL, and one daughter Peggy Lynn Thiery of Venice, FL. Also, many sisters, brother, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church in Parrish, on May 16. Graveside services were at the Parrish Cemetery.

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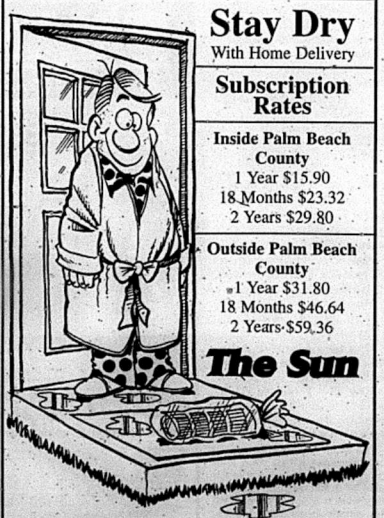
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# HEALTH WATCH

## ...NATIONAL...

### Error by Congress could escalate Medicare costs for mental health care

An inadvertent mistake in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 could prove costly to all elderly receiving mental health services under Medicare of Medicaid, as well as to insurance companies providing Medicaid insurance.

This warning was sounded recently by Jim Akin, executive director of the Florida Chapter, National Association of Social Workers (FL-NASW), as he called for Congressional action to permit social workers to continue billing Medicare Part B directly for their fees, as psychologists and psychiatrists are permitted to do.

A new provision under Section 4432, Prospective Payment for Skilled Nursing Facility Services, would pre-

vent social workers with masters or doctorate degrees from directly billing Medicare for mental health services in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) as had been permitted in the past.

"By failing to mention clinical social workers as mental health providers among those excluded from consolidated billing," said Akin, "Congress will dramatically increase mental health costs across the board."

Akin cited an example of how fees could escalate in a typical Florida nursing home. "If the nursing home has 12 patients (from among a population of 120) receiving mental health services from a clinical social worker, the cost would be \$40

for two 30-minute visits per patient per week," he said.

"Mental health payments for Medicare are one-half the standard fee. The cost for these 12 patients, assuming costs remain the same, would be \$24,000 per year. However, if the clinical social worker is replaced by a psychologist, psychiatrist or nurse practitioner providing the same services, the costs would be at least 25% more for an annual fee of \$30,000. In addition, beneficiaries would be required to pay the residual, increasing their costs by 25%, and private insurance companies that write Medicaid insurance would also pay an additional 25%. Multiplied by thousands of

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## ...NUTRITION...

### Staying healthy with vegetables

By Katrina Elksen

Fresh produce is abundant in South Florida.

If you buy the larger quantities, prices can be quite reasonable. But unless you have a very large family, you run into the problem of too much of a good thing.

There are many ways of preserving food, according to "The Green Kitchen Handbook," by Annie Berthold-Bond.

From a nutritional standpoint, the most efficient way to preserve food is freezing. Frozen food loses fewer vitamins and minerals in processing than other preserved foods, according to Ms. Berthold-Bond. It is also considered the safest procedure, because placing the food into temperatures of around 0 degrees Fahrenheit (found in most freezers) halts the growth of microorganisms and significantly slows the natural enzyme process.

Preparing food for the freezer is relatively simple. Most vegetables can be blanched (cooked for a few minutes in boiling water or steam), cooled and frozen.

Blanching partially cooks



Katrina Elksen

vegetables. It halts the natural enzyme process that causes foods to ripen and eventually decay. It also helps maintain the flavor of fresh vegetables.

"The Green Kitchen Handbook," by Annie Berthold-Bond gives instructions for two kinds of blanching, water and steam.

For water blanching you need a large pot with a tight-fitting cover, a cutting board, a sharp knife, a vegetable peeler, a wire basket or strainer that fits inside the pot and a large container of ice water. It helps to have two baskets or strainers, one for the boiling water and one for the ice water.

The instructions given follow:

- Clean cutting boards, knives, pot and strainers.

- Fill the pot with water (about one gallon per pound of vegetables), add the basket or strainer and heat to a rolling boil.

- Prepare produce by washing, peeling, trimming off stems, slicing and cutting off bad spots.

- Keeping the water at a boil, pull out the basket and fill with vegetables, plunge into the boiling water and cover.

- When boiling is complete, pull the vegetables out of the water and plunge them into an ice bath.

- Once the vegetables are cool, drain and package them for freezing in plastic freezer bags, plastic freezer containers or glass freezer containers. To keep vegetables such as broccoli from freezing in one big lump, put the pieces on a cookie tray and place in freezer for three hours, remove and package for freezing.

- For steam blanching, you will need the same equipment for the boiling blanching, plus steamer tray that fits in your Please see VEGGIES, Page 8.

## ...ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE...

### Old remedies often best for good health

(NAPS)—It seems as if consumers are bombarded on a daily basis about the benefits associated with new "miracle" drugs. Diet pills, treatments for hair loss and drugs that prevent heartburn are just a few examples.

The problem is that new studies come out just as frequently, and often contradict previous findings. Who has time to keep up with the onslaught of information? If you're trying to live a healthier lifestyle, then you've got to, to make smart choices, and in today's time-crunch world, that means getting the most out of those decisions.

Physicians and researchers continue to learn more about age-old treatments such as acupuncture, homeopathic medicine and herbal remedies. Recent studies show the benefits of some ancient remedies still hold up today. Perhaps our ancestors had some of the right ideas.

One such treatment is green tea. Green tea has been considered an aid in promoting longevity at least since the 13th century when Zen Buddhists claimed that green tea maintained good health and prolonged life. Asian cultures have been consuming

green tea for centuries and statistics show that Asians have a lower risk of contracting or dying from some degenerative diseases that plague Americans. Many believe that green tea plays a significant role in this.

A recent study conducted by Professor Lester A. Mitscher, PhD, at the University of Kansas supports mounting evidence about the healthful properties of green tea. Mitscher's research also suggests that Tegen™ and other dietary supplements made from green tea extract may offer the same benefits as green tea. The benefits are linked to specific components called polyphenols, found in the tea extract, which act as antioxidants and cut down the activity of cell-damaging molecules known as free radicals.

"Of particular interest was the comparative ability of the green tea compounds to prevent oxidative damage to DNA leading to mutations in the whole cells," said Mitscher.

The study found that the antioxidants in green tea as well as in Tegen were many times more effective than vitamins C and E at protecting cells from oxidative damage resulting from pollution,

smoke, toxins and stress. Additionally, the study showed superior results in a variety of tests for green tea components and concentrates, including Tegen™, over commonly regarded antioxidants found in red wine, black teas and broccoli.

"Traditionally in Asian cultures, people have consumed more than four cups of green tea per day to get the benefits, but many American consumers may wrinkle their noses at this time-consuming routine. So an easier way to get the benefits without the caffeine is by taking concentrates such as Tegen™, which is distributed by Pharmanex, Inc. Tegen capsules contain all-natural, green tea extract that provide the highest, most concentrated levels of tea antioxidants.

While these age-old remedies can assist in promoting good health, and can provide some relief from ailments, it is important to note that there still is no match for the standard pillars of good health—exercise, sensible diet and a positive attitude.

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## ...UNDERSTANDING YOUR BODY...

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(NAPS)—If you're average, your ears can distinguish sounds ranging from zero decibels, known as the threshold of audibility, to 140 decibels, known as the threshold of pain.

A decibel is the smallest difference between sounds detectable by the human ear. The decibel is used to measure the relative loudness or intensity of sound. A 20-decibel sound is ten times louder than a 10-decibel sound; a 30-decibel sound in 100 times louder. For example, normal conversation takes place at about 30 decibels, while a noisy office operates at about 60 decibels, or 1,000 times louder.

Today about 26 million Americans—about 10 percent of the population—suffer hearing loss. The most typical result of this condition is an increase in the threshold of audibility, an inability to pick up softer sounds.

For many people, the simplest method of counteracting hearing loss may be the use of a hearing aid. However, according to an industry study, 92 percent of Americans with hearing loss do not wear hearing aids.

Fifty years ago, hearing aids were bulky, cumbersome instruments that were unattractive, unreliable and difficult to use. Many people still

used ear-horns, a centuries-old sound amplification technique. Fortunately, a World War II flying ace helped change that.

After the war, pilot Ken Dahlberg began working in the electronics industry, and he developed a two-piece hearing aid with a transmitter that could be hidden in a shirt pocket.

Dahlberg and his company continued to improve their hearing aids, capitalizing on transistor technology in the

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"We continually strive to improve the quality of our services, and meeting the Joint Commission's rigorous national standards is an important recognition of our efforts," says Alex Marceline, chief executive officer. The Joint Commission evaluated the laboratory's performance in complying with nearly 300 standards related to quality control, safety, infection control, leadership, management of human resources, management of information, ongoing performance improvement activities and other issues.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care through voluntary accreditation. The accreditation process helps stimulate continuous, systematic and organization-wide improvement in health care organizations," says Anne Belanger, MA, MT (ASCP), executive director, Laboratory Program, Joint Commission. "Achieving accreditation demonstrates Palms West Hospital's commitment to providing high quality services."

Marceline says efforts to improve don't stop when the Joint Commission survey is over. "Meeting the standards and achieving excellence is a continuous process," he says. "No matter how well we did today, we want to do better tomorrow."

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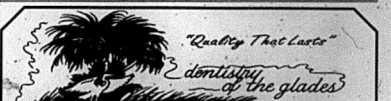
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# HEALTH WATCH

## ...HEALTH HINTS...

### Tight shoulders? Sore neck? Headsets help!

(NAPS)—Here's some interesting news you may want to call home about: Telephone use on the job can contribute to the soreness and tension you feel at the end of the work day.

Even those who know better than to cradle telephone receivers on their shoulders can build up muscle tension by just using the phone.

Most people tilt their head somewhat, even when holding the phone normally, and experts say it's enough of an imbalance to create stress in the neck/upper back area.

The solution for many may be to put down that telephone—for good.

Instead of a conventional telephone handset, an alternative far kinder to the back and shoulder muscles is the telephone headset.

These comfortable devices slip over the head or around the ear. They include an earpiece for listening and a tiny microphone for talking into.

A headset makes it possible to talk on the phone with your head in its natural, stress-free position. Since both hands are free, you can do things like take notes or

type on the computer while talking, without burdening your shoulder or neck muscles.

Leading headset manufacturer, Plantronics, Inc., even makes wireless headset models like the CT-901 Hands-free Cordless Telephone which gives added flexibility, allowing you to stand-up, stretch or walk around your office.

Results from a medical study conducted at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose, California, revealed just how effective headsets are at reducing muscle tension.

In the course of the three-month study, 38 women and 29 men, ranging from 20 to 63 years old, were tested using sophisticated surface electromyography (EMG) equipment. The tests evaluated the various levels of tension resulting from tasks such as reading, writing, and typing while talking on the phone.

When they typed using a headset, their muscle tension was 31.4 percent lower than when they used a conventional handset.

When writing by hand, their tension was 36.5 percent less with the headsets.

Reading showed the biggest difference between headsets and handsets. While reading on a headset, the study participants experienced 41 percent less tension compared to those using the handset.

Headsets also have been shown to increase productivity, which indirectly may also help reduce the tension people feel at the end of the day. When people aren't forced to "drop everything" to answer the phone, they can get more done. One study, conducted by H.B. Maynard, showed productivity improvements as high as 43 percent for some workers. Accomplishing that much more in a day can be a big stress reliever in and of itself.

Telephone headsets range in price and come in a variety of shapes and sizes. The sound quality is excellent, meeting or exceeding that of most conventional handheld telephones.

For more information about these headsets, visit the web site of Plantronics, the world's leading producer of telephone headsets, at [www.plantronics.com](http://www.plantronics.com). Or call the company at 1-800-544-4660.

## ...PREVENTIVE TREATMENT...

### Early diagnosis and advanced treatment for prostate enlargement important

(NAPS)—More than half of all men over the age of 60 get up in the middle of the night, attempt to go to the bathroom but find no relief. For many, this will be repeated three, four, even five times a night. In fact, many with this problem may avoid long trips, exercise or situations where a bathroom may not be close at hand. Instead of seeing a doctor, they compensate and make compromises that keep them from living a full life.

The cause of these irritations might be Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH), a non-cancerous enlargement of the prostate gland—one of the most common problems for men over the age of 60.

Left untreated, the condition can result in serious health problems but because men may think treatment may impact their sexual function, they feel embarrassed to discuss the problem with their doctor. And

they may not know that early detection can lead to early symptom relief.

A new brochure, entitled Prostate Enlargement—What Every Man Should Know, available free from Indigo Medical, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson Company, outlines the symptoms of enlarged prostate, diagnosis and available treatments for this condition and emphasizes early detection through regular prostate exams as part of an annual health check-up. Treatments range from surgery and drug therapy to laser therapy, the most recent advance in treatment for enlarged prostates.

For a free copy of Prostate Enlargement—What Every Man Should Know, call 1-888-877-7878. Because if you are a man over 50—or know someone who is—the more you know about prostate health, the healthier you'll be.

## ...NATIONAL...

### CONGRESS...continued from Page 7.

patients in thousands of nursing homes, the annual costs to Medicare would be phenomenal. And, these costs would be passed on to the American taxpayers as higher insurance premiums or Medicare Part B fees," Akin predicted.

Permitting clinical social workers to be excluded from the consolidated billing requirements—as other mental health providers are—is supported by consumer groups and organizations representing SNFs and providers of mental health services in SNFs, including the American Health Care Association and the Health Care Financing Administration," said Akin, "but it will take Congressional action."

"Congress has recognized this error and the ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Health of the Ways and Means Committee,

Rep. Pete Stark of California, has introduced corrective legislation (House Bill HR3570). In the Senate, Barbara Mikulski of Maryland has introduced the same corrective legislation (S1864)," said Akin. "Now, the race is against time because the provision to the Balanced Budget Act that caused the problem will become effective July 1, 1998. Administrative procedures are being estab-

lished and the negative impact of this error is already beginning to take effect. Congress will have to move quickly.

"The Medicare Social Work Equity Act of 1998 addresses essential issues of fairness for social workers, quality of care for nursing home residents, and cost efficiency for Medicare," said Akin. "Clinical social workers are the most cost-efficient providers of men-

tal health services and one of the major providers of such services in SNFs," he noted.

"Now we are asking that an oversight be corrected and fairness restored so clinical social workers are permitted to continue direct billings to keep costs at a minimum and maintain high levels of service to residents of SNFs, particularly in underserved communities," Akin concluded.

## ...NUTRITION...

### VEGGIES...continued from Page 7.

large pot. Follow the procedure for water blanching but instead of filling the pot with water, place the steamer on the bottom of the pot and fill with water just to cover the steamer. Once steam is escaping, place one layer of vegetables at a time in the steamer.

"The Green Kitchen

Handbook" suggests the following times for blanching vegetables in boiling water. Add one minute to the recommended time if you blanch in steam.

• Artichokes: 4 minutes (add juice of one lemon to blanching water)

• Asparagus: 2-4 minutes, depending on size, thinner pieces cook more quickly

• Beans, lima: 3-4 minutes

• Beans, green: 3-4 minutes

• Beets, sliced: cook in simmering water until tender

• Beet greens: 2 minutes (water blanch only)

• Broccoli flowerets: 2-4 minutes, depending on size

• Brussels sprouts: 3-5 minutes, depending on size

• Cabbage wedges: 3 minutes

• Cauliflower flowerets: 3-5 minutes depending on size (add juice of one lemon to blanching water)

• Celery, 1 inch lengths: 3 minutes

• Collard greens: 3 minutes (water blanch only)

• Corn on the cob: 5-7 minutes, depending on size

• Corn, cut kernels: 6 minutes

• Eggplant slices: 4 minutes

• Greens: 3 minutes (water blanch only)

• Herbs: 1 minute

• Kale: 1 minute

• Kohlrabi: 2 minutes (whole), 1 minute (sliced)

• Mushrooms, sliced: 2-4 minutes (add juice of one lemon to water)

• Okra: 2-3 minutes, depending on size

• Parsley: 15-20 seconds

• Parsnips, sliced: 2 minutes

• Peas, shelled: 1 minute, sliced

• Peppers (green or red) halved: 3 minutes

• Rutabagas, sliced: 2 minutes

• Spinach: 2 minutes (water blanch only)

• Squash, summer, sliced: 3 minutes

• Swiss chard: 2 minutes (water blanch only)

• Tomatoes: boil until skins crack, cool and remove skins, simmer (10 minutes)

• Turnips, sliced: 2 minutes. Some vegetables, such as winter squash, potatoes and pumpkin can be cooked as normal and then frozen. Vegetables can also be cooked into sauces and then frozen.

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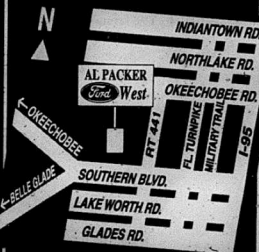
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# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Community Foundation awards scholarships totaling \$22,150 to eight area students

The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties has awarded scholarships totaling \$22,150 to eight graduating high school seniors from Central and Western Palm Beach County.

The scholarships were among \$176,200 presented to 47 students in palm Beach and Martin Counties - representing both a record amount and the largest number of awards made in one year during the Community Foundation's 25-year history. In 1997, scholarships totaling \$95,300 were given to 28 students.

"The growth in our scholarship program is a direct result of a number of major gifts received from generous contributors during the past year," explains Shannon Sadler, president of the Community Foundation. "We are grateful to each of them for demonstrating their commitment to the future by establishing, endowed scholarships with the Community Foundation," she says.

The awards were presented during the May 13 Pathfinder Scholarship Awards ceremony by Freddie Stebbins Jefferson, a member of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.

Listed are local Western Palm Beach County scholarship recipients:

**Barnett Bank of Palm Beach County Minority Student Scholarship** - Latoya Daniels of Belle Glade, Glades Central High School, \$1,500.

**Anonymous Donor Scholarships** - Victor Rodriguez of Cape Point, Pahokee Senior/Middle High School, \$2,600 over two years. He also received Walter and Adi Blum



Recipients of scholarships from The Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties include: top row (l to r) - Melissa Fox, Erin Martin, Jennifer Fallon; bottom row (l to r) - Antoinette Backhus, Latoya Daniels, Varaluck Chandhasin, Marjorie Jean. Not pictured Victor Rodriguez.

### Scholarships.

Applications for the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin

Counties' 1998-99 scholarship program will be available in the fall from guidance counselors at all public and private high schools

within Palm Beach and Martin counties. The application deadline is March 1, 1999.

The Community Foundation administrators more than 50 individual scholarships from funds created by contributors throughout palm Beach and Martin Counties. Some are open to all students, while others require attendance at a particular high school. Many are awarded to students who have interests in a variety of areas or intend to pursue particular fields of study. Students planning to attend two or four year colleges or universities as well as vocational or technical schools may apply.

Students and their families can find more information about these scholarships as well as dozens of others available locally in the Community Foundation's Scholarship Directory. Copies are available locally in the Community Foundation's Scholarship Directory. Copies are available in the guidance offices of all local high schools. The publication is underwritten by the Briggs-Trimble Family Charitable Fund of the Community Foundation.

Individual copies can be purchased for \$12 (including postage and handling). To order a Scholarship Directory, call the Community Foundation at (561) 659-6800 in Palm Beach County or toll-free at 1-888-853-GIFT (4438).

More information about the Foundation is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.cfbmc.org>. Students can request an application by calling or writing to the Community Foundation or sending their name and address via e-mail to [cfbmc@aol.com](mailto:cfbmc@aol.com).



The Shepherd School held its first graduation on Tuesday, May 26. Four students in Rebecca Morris's Kindergarten class graduated to first grade. At the graduation these students were quizzed on their math and reading skills so that family and friends would be able to see the children's progress throughout the year. They performed skits about the Bible and one of the graduating students, Natasha Colon, read a book to the audience. When Natasha arrived at The Shepherd School six months ago she did not know how to speak English. In a few months she picked up the language and now speaks English fluently.

Pictured: The Shepherd School's "Class of 1998" (L to R) - Mitchell Broom, RaionShane, Ricky Christmas and Natasha Colon.



These little Gators get their gowns fitted just before graduation begins. Glades Day Kindergarten, Gators graduation candidates were Mirasha Na'Kenje Brown, Brandon Christopher Cunningham, Sonia Nitin Dhila, Nicholas Heath Donahue, Veronica Gabrielle Goggans, Jordan Alexandra Hawkins, Alicia Renee Johnson, Clinton Lashley III, Dawn Renee McKinstry, Chelsea Jordan McNeill, Eric Scott Meredith, Matthew Craig Peaden, Jr., Jose Luis Pozo, Jr., Garrett Kyle Robinson, Alex D. Rodriguez, John Bryce Stevens, Alyssa Ann Sullivan, Jeff Duffl Therriassaint, Chelsie Leigh Underwood



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Pictured: (l to r) Sally Small presented the Principal's Award to Shirley Maxson for all her hard work and dedication at the West Technical Education Center Awards Breakfast, May 14. The Awards Breakfast was held in honor of all those who worked so hard throughout the year and dedicated their time to their work



## Raiders Honorarian

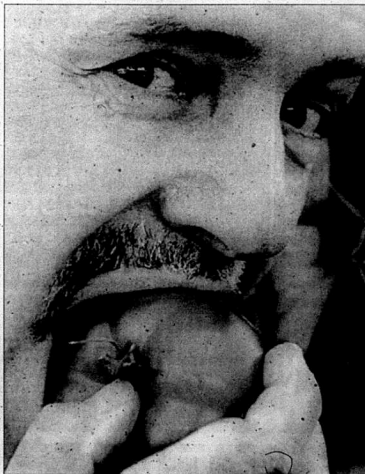


Latoya M. Daniels, is the Glades Central Class of 1998 Honorarian. She has achieved this title by working hard and dedicated herself to her work.

Latoya is the president of National Honor Society, Treasurer of the Future Business Leaders of America Club and Miss Class of 1998. In the fall, Latoya anticipates attending Florida Agricultural and Mechanical university (Florida A&M University) to major in business.

She has received many scholarships to help her achieve her educational goals. These include: South Florida Fair Scholarship, FAMU Alumni Association of P.B. County, The Church of Bethesda by the Sea Scholarship and the Barnett bank Scholarship for Minority Students.

Latoya is also involved in the Black History Brainbow, Yearbook Club, Softball, Volleyball, volunteers in the community and Animals Alive Club.



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Dan Cantliffe, horticultural professor with the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, bites into a juicy Florida-grown tomato. A taste test conducted as part of Cantliffe's research into tomato flavor shows that Florida tomatoes taste better than imported tomatoes. Florida varieties were sweeter and contained more of the substances that control tomato aroma. Imported tomatoes, Cantliffe said, often are picked too soon and fail to completely ripen.



# Triangle in South Bay gets spruced up, thanks to Beautification Committee

A beautification effort was held on Saturday, May 23 in the City of South Bay. This event was sponsored by Commissioner Clarissa L. Davis, chairperson for the city's Beautification Committee, with the help of Javier Almazar, co-chairperson.

"I wish to thank everyone who participated in making this event a great success," said Ms. Davis. "Although we all worked hard on this worthwhile project, it was also a lot of fun. We had people of vari-

ous age groups with us on that day, shoveling and loading wheel barrows, transporting and spreading mulch, planting and watering flowers, and cleaning up after having refreshments."

Dr. Richard Raid of the University of Florida was very instrumental in helping with the project and in recruiting the help of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, who supplied the mulch, plants and seedlings for the Beautification Project.

"Because of the community efforts, this little triangle in the Cross Roads of South Florida had a more beautiful appearance," said Ms. Davis.

Mr. Macio Golson, in addition to his personal involvement, brought a number of children from his 5th grade class at Rosenwald Elementary School, who worked willingly and joyfully.

"Mr. Almazar and I say 'thank you'. We are grateful," said Ms. Davis.



**A DAY OF WORK AND FUN...**Members of the South Bay Beautification Committee spent a Saturday morning cleaning up and planting flowers and shrubs at the Triangle in South Bay. Co-chairs for the event were South Bay Commissioner Clarissa Davis and Javier Almazar.



**LEADING THE PROCESSION...**Jennifer Pate (L) and Brooke Prescott (R) lead the procession as the graduating Class of 1998 for Glades Day School make their way to the front of the gymnasium on Friday, May 29.



**GIVE ME A HUG...**Anien Torrecilla prepares to hug a fellow graduate after graduation ceremonies Friday night at Glades Day School.

## BBB announces new program to protect online consumers

As the electronic marketplace explodes, consumers are becoming more wary about the companies with whom they do business. The Better Business Bureau (BBB), serving Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast, has announced a new program, called BBBOnline SM, that they hope will lead to consumer confidence in a place that is widely unregulated and a haven for scam artists.

"It's not enough consumers have to deal with unscrupulous businesses in the 'real world,' but now they have to distinguish between ethical companies and not so ethical companies on the internet," said BBB President, Ron Stephens. The BBB Online program will help consumers make that distinction."

Qualified companies that commit to the high BBBOnline program standards are authorized by the BBB to display a unique BBBOnline seal at their web sites and in their online advertising. Consumers who spot the seal, and "click to check," have the confidence of knowing that the company has provided the BBB with substantial information regarding its ownership and management, and has agreed to adhere to truthful and accurate advertising claims and to resolve, quickly and fairly, any complaints that may arise as a result of online advertising or transactions.

When a consumer locates an online advertiser displaying the BBBOnline seal, he/she will be able to link to the BBBOnline home page ([www.bbbonline.org](http://www.bbbonline.org)).

which will show the stringent standards met by the advertiser, and allow the consumer to return directly to that company's web site or to obtain a BBB reliability report on the company. A BBB reliability report describes a company's management and time in business, relevant aspects of its goods and services and complaint experience.

The BBB reliability report will then link back to the company's web site, if the consumer chooses, or allow intermediate movement to the BBB's home page ([www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)) to find other valuable consumer information.

The BBBOnline project has won accolades from regulators, who applaud the

Better Business Bureau and founding sponsors, such as AT&T, Sony and Netscape, on their efforts to have voluntary self-regulation work in Internet commerce.

"The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) encourages responsible, effective self-regulation by the business community, particularly in the area of online commerce. The Better Business Bureau system, which has noteworthy experience operating successful self-regulation programs for the advertising industry, has the trust of both consumers and the business community that will be crucial in helping to establish an ethical online marketplace," said FTC Commissioner, Christine Varney.

## Robber caught after breaking into First Baptist Church

A concerned citizen called 9-1-1 and police apprehended a man they say broke into the First Baptist Church recreation center on Tuesday, June 1.

Police say Herbert Lee Canty, 37, was apprehended a short distance from the church and he was carrying items taken from the church.

The citizen who called police was able to describe the robber and tell officers which way Canty ran after leaving the church. Patrolman James Dingle said he saw a man a short distance from the church carrying several items who fit the

description given.

Patrolman Dingle said he ordered the suspect to stop, but Canty ran and he chased him.

Patrolmen David Thompson, Harold Sellar and Sgt. Robert Wheelihan checked and found that entry to the church was made through a window on the north wall of the building. The concerned citizen positively

identified the burglar as the man he saw leaving the church and Canty was arrested and charged with burglary, grand theft, obstructing an officer without violence. Canty was also charged with obstructing justice by a disguised person after he gave police a false name.

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## - In Brief -

### 'Stand For Children Day' celebration, June 6

The third annual Stand For Children Day celebration will be held Saturday, June 6, at Pioneer Park, State Road 715, Belle Glade. This is a community-sponsored event. The entire communities from the north, south, east and west areas of western Palm Beach County are invited.

Everything is FREE! Activities will begin at 9 a.m. The day will offer food & drinks, basketball, football, softball, volleyball, creative dance, forums, oratorical presentations, table games, step shows, tennis, soccer, horse shoes, and live entertainment. A Gospel Sing-A-Rama at Pioneer Park Field, 6:30 p.m., will climax the day's activities.

### 1998 "Slammer" Series Dolphin Fishing Tournament, June 6, June 27, July 25

Three (3) Dolphin fishing tournaments will be held June 6 in Fort Pierce, June 27 in Port Canaveral, and July 25 in Sebastian to benefit Angel Flight Southeast, a non-profit organization that arranges free air transportation for those with medical or compelling human needs.

**Tournament #1: Saturday, June 6, Ft. Pierce Inlet.** Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, June 5 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dockside Inn, Seaway Dr., Ft. Pierce. For more information, contact the Dockside Inn (561) 461-4824 or Grand Slam Fishing Center (561) 465-6775.

**Tournament #2: Saturday, June 27, Port Canaveral.** Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, June 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Lloyds, upper deck, Port Canaveral. For more information, contact Sunrise Marine (407) 783-9535 or Captain Jacks (407) 783-3694.

**Tournament #3: Saturday, July 25, Sebastian Inlet.** Captains Meeting and Registration will be held on Friday, July 24 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Captain Hiram's, upper deck, Sebastian. For more information, contact Capt. Hiram's (407) 589-4345 or E&B Marine (407) 723-1878.

### Low-cost Tennis programs offered, June 15

The City of West Palm Beach Department of Recreation is offering low cost tennis programs this summer beginning June 15, for boys and girls ages 6-16.

The Department is currently looking for persons interested in volunteering part-time as tennis instructors. Instruction will be offered at a beginning to intermediate level at various sites throughout the city.

Interested persons ages 16+ may call (561) 835-7025 for further details.

### Volunteer Soccer Coaches sought

The City of West Palm Beach Department of Recreation is currently accepting applications for volunteer soccer coaches, ages 18 and over.

Coaches will be needed for the instructional program for four year olds and league play for 5-7, 8-9 and 10-12 year olds. Qualifications include a basic knowledge of soccer rules and a desire to work with children.

Training will be available to all coaches prior to the start of the league. Practices will begin in early September, followed immediately after with league play.

\*Those interested should call (561) 835-7025.

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## Free Fishing Days cap National Fishing Week, June 6-7

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) has designated June 6 and 7 as Free Fishing Weekend in Florida. The free fishing weekend highlights National Fishing Week May 30 - June 7. During the free fishing period, anyone, including non-residents, can sport-fish in any public freshwater lake or river in Florida without a fishing license.

\*The free fishing weekend

provides anglers an opportunity to experience Florida's extraordinary fisheries." Ed Moyer, director of the GFC's Division of Fisheries, said, "It also can serve as a reminder to those who haven't been fishing in a while that it is a healthy, fun, outdoor experience."

Gov. Lawton Chiles urged Floridians to participate in the free fishing weekend in the

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## "Florida's Black Crappie Hot Spots"

Herb Allen, Freelance Writer

Fisheries biologists at the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC) recently put their heads together to select what they think are Florida's Top-10 black crappie lakes.

Talk about tough jobs!

The Sunshine State has 10,000 named and unnamed lakes and rivers, most of which have crappie populations ranging from just "so-so", all the way to "gee whiz".

And, the spots they selected this year may be bumped in the near future as numerous lakes throughout Florida are currently undergoing intense management, rehabilitation and restoration projects designed to improve habitat for all species of freshwater fish, including the popular crappie.

Known by more than 60 aliases, including speckled perch, calico bass, strawberry bass, papermouth, bachelor and just plain speck, the black crappie is a popular target amongst residents and winter visitors to Florida who are often observed from December through March or early April lining rivers and lakes - in boats, on banks and from piers - filling stringers or ice chests with fish weighing anywhere from one-half to two pounds each.

That "specks" are considered excellent table fare is just an added bonus to the fun and excitement savored by both kids and adults during these leisurely angling outings.

In no particular order or ranking, the Top-10 Florida lakes or lake systems are listed, along with a biologist's name and telephone number for additional information, you can also check the Division of Fisheries' Web Site for more (<http://www.state.fl.us/gfc/fishing/>).

### LAKE TALQUIN

Jeff Nordhaus or Rich Caliteux, (904) 627-9674

Ben Curry set the state record for crappie here in January, 1992, with an estimated 8-year-old female weighing an impressive 3 pounds, 13-1/4 ounces.

Located west of Tallahassee, Lake Talquin, an 8,800-acre reservoir, benefits from periodic drawdowns. Premier speck months are from February through April around the mouths of various feeder creeks including Little River, Polk, Harvey, Hammock and Oklawaha. Hal-Flies or Missouri minnows are considered the best baits. A 10-inch minimum size limit is in effect. Anglers are advised to use caution on Lake Talquin because of submerged stumps and standing timber. They can launch at several area fish camps including Hopkins Landing at Pat Thomas Park, Gainey's Talquin Lodge, Idlewild Fishing Lodge, Ingram's Marina and Wip-poor-will Landing, all located off State Road 267, south of Quincy.

### KISSIMMEE CHAIN

Jim Sweetman, (407) 846-5300

Lakes Kissimmee and Tohopekaliga (Toho) have long been considered leading central Florida speckled perch sites, with a season that begins earlier than in most places.

Lake Kissimmee, with its 34,948 acres, recently underwent a

drawdown and is proving to be a bonanza for speck fishermen who will cash in on spawners through February and early March in such cover as bulrush, cattails, lily pads and Kissimmee grass.

Lake Toho, another shallow body of water in the Chain, has 18,810 acres and produces outstanding crappie hauls in the same type of cover during the same months. The Hal-Fly and Missouri minnows are considered top baits, although many have success using tiny jigs.

There are numerous fish camps and launching ramps located around both lakes.

### LAKE MARIAN

Mikel Huloh, (407) 846-5300

Situated east of Haines City, this shallow 5,739-acre lake is noted for its one-pound plus bluegills and shellcrackers! It is also

a popular locale for speckled perch seekers in open water during warmer months and in the bulrushes/cattails/lily pads when water temperatures dip.

Here, too, Hal-Flies and Missouri minnows are the prevailing bait choices for those using cane poles or light spinning outfits.

Although speck activity takes place here throughout the year, December through February are considered prime months when the fish are bedding. Anglers can launch at Lake Marian Paradise.

### TENOROC FISH MANAGEMENT AREA

Wes Fish or Dannon Moxley, (941) 499-2421

There are many phosphate pit lakes at Tenoroc, located in Lakeland just off the Tenoroc Mine Road, that generate quality speckled perch action.

For example, 223-acre Lake "B" has produced more than 5,000 specks in just three months and lakes 3, 4 and 5, ranging in size from 43 to 228 acres, are highly favored by speck buffs. Jigs, such as Cote's 1/8th-ounce model, Beetlespins, Hal-Flies and Missouri minnows are choices for those who fish the points and around bushes for fish that bed near shore in 8 to 10 feet of water while trolling with an electric motor or dabbling with a cane-pole near vegetation.

Currently, the daily speckled perch bag limit at Tenoroc is 10 fish per person, in addition to a minimum size limit of 10 inches.

Those wanting Missouri minnows can purchase them prior to entering Tenoroc at Gunther Bait & Tackle off Kathleen Road or at Phillip's Bait & Tackle in Saddlecreek Park.

### LAKE ISTOKPOGA

Tom Champeau, (941) 648-3202

Situated just southeast of Sebring, 27,000-acre Lake Istokpoga is hot through March and early April.

Having one of the state's highest crappie catch ratios at 2.63 per hour, these fish average between 10 and 12 inches in length. Those who slow troll or drift small jigs, Hal-Flies or

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## T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD



(SUNPHOTO compliments of Kathy Johnson)

T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY wraps up T-Ball season May 26. Pictured above are the T-Ball teams who participated in this year's events. The season started March 9 and continued until May 20. An awards ceremony held May 26, 6 p.m., at Airport Park honored the athletes. FREE pizza was given, compliments of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge, to all T-Ball players in uniform. Pictured above are members of each T-Ball team. (Names were unavailable by press time.)

# NASCAR

## This Week

### On TV

All Times Eastern

- **Pontiac Auto Parts 400**  
9 p.m. • Friday • TNN
- **Winston Cup, Pontiac 400**  
7:30 p.m. • Saturday • ESPN
- **CART, Detroit Grand Prix**  
2:30 p.m. • Sunday • ABC

## POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 1,765	1. M. McLaughlin, 1,850	1. Jack Sprague, 1,150
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,718	2. Matt Kenseth, 1,721	2. Ron Hornaday, 1,132
3. Rusty Wallace, 1,673	3. D. Earnhardt Jr., 1,591	3. Joe Ruttman, 1,028
4. Mark Martin, 1,655	4. Busch Jones, 1,558	4. Jay Sauter, 1,008
5. Dale Jarrett, 1,635	5. Randy LaJoie, 1,538	5. Stacy Compton, 964
6. Terry Labonte, 1,595	6. Dick Trickle, 1,524	6. Tony Raines, 912
7. Bobby Labonte, 1,504	7. Jason Keller, 1,501	7. Bryan Reiter, 893
8. Jeff Burton, 1,427	8. Tim Fedewa, 1,489	8. Randy Tolson, 874
9. Ken Schrader, 1,410	9. Hermie Sadler, 1,489	9. Rick Cautel, 843
10. Jimmy Spencer, 1,409	10. Elliott Sadler, 1,484	10. Rick Crawford, 823

## FROM LAST WEEK

## WINSTON CUP SERIES

Dale Jarrett used superior fuel economy to win his second race of the season, 17th of his career and first at Dover Downs with a victory in the MBNA Platinum 400.

Jeff Gordon dominated the race, leading 376 laps, but had to pit for fuel with only nine laps to go. Jarrett's Ford led only the final eight circuits.

## BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. picked up his second victory in the Busch Grand National with a relatively effortless victory in the MBNA Platinum 200 at Dover Downs. Earnhardt was able to over-

come an early mistake when he entered the pits too rapidly and spun at the entrance. The second-generation driver is now third in the point standings.

## CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Joe Ruttman picked up a controversial victory at Watkins Glen, N.Y., when Ron Hornaday was penalized for jumping the gun on a restart.

Ruttman has won all three of the series' road courses: Watkins Glen, Heartland Park (Kan.) and Sears Point (Calif.). Thanks to Ruttman, Ford took a 4-3 lead over Chevrolet in race victories.

## TOP TEN

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

1. Jeff Gordon (1)
2. But for another gallon
3. Mark Martin (2)
4. Faded late
5. Dale Jarrett (5)
6. Played his cards right
7. Jeremy Mayfield (6)
8. Kid hangs in there
9. Rusty Wallace (3)
10. Won his 2nd pole

## ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	I. Van	Hamilton
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Marlin
June 28	Sav-Mat 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Marlin	Skinner
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Marlin	Nemchick
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Inan
Aug. 9	But at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	Devilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Marlin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Marlin	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Marlin	Marlin
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Marlin	Marlin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Burton	W. Burton

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## THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

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EXCITEMENT 400

Wallace

Rusty Wallace, Ford, 108,499 mph, March 2, 1997.  
**OTHER FORMER WINNERS:** Wallace and Darrell Waltrip are the active leaders in Richmond victories with six

**WHERE:** Richmond (Va.) International Raceway  
**WHEN:** Saturday, June 6  
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Rusty Wallace  
**EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD:** Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 124,757 mph, March 3, 1995.

**RACE RECORD:** Ford, 108,499 mph, March 2, 1997.

## Wallace

## ALMOST HOME COOKING

The Tobacco Company, in the middle of downtown, is a popular gathering place of the Richmond power elite, which means the food is outstanding, atmosphere comfortable and prices expensive.

Traditionally the NASCAR power hitters gather there on race weekends.  
each. ... Dale Earnhardt has won five times. ... Terry Labonte, Dave Marcis and Ernie Irvan are the only other multiple winners, each with two.  
**NOTABLE:** This is the first summertime running of a Richmond race in many years. ... Because of the warmer weather, both of the 75-mile track's 300-milers will be run at night.

## BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

COMING UP: HARDEE'S 350

**WHERE:** Richmond (Va.) International Raceway  
**WHEN:** Friday, June 5  
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Mark Martin  
**TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD:** Michael Waltrip, Ford, 122,227 mph, Sept. 6, 1997.

**RACE RECORD:** Kenny Wallace, Ford, 104,928 mph, Sept. 8, 1995.  
**OTHER FORMER WINNERS:** Martin leads all active drivers with four victories. ... Dale Jarrett, Joe Nemechick, Robert Pressley, Waltrip and Jeff Purvis are among those with single victories.  
**NOTABLE:** Ford has won twice as many BGN events as Chevy (8-4) on this track. In fact, Pontiac (6), Buick (5) and Oldsmobile (5) have captured more events here than Chevy.

## PROFILE

## Kenny Irwin



Kenny Irwin, left, believes with time and experience, his team will be competitive.

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Kenny Irwin is well on his way to winning Winston Cup rookie-of-the-year honors, but the season has not been without its low points for the talented young Hoosier.

While Irwin drew attention with his exploits in United States Auto Club open-wheel competition, he actually moved into Winston Cup from the Craftsman Truck Series. He finished 10th in the 1997 point standings, winning two superspeedway races.

**AGE:** 28  
**MARITAL STATUS:** Single

**CAR:** No. 28  
Texaco/Havoline Ford Taurus, owned by Robert Yates.

**CAREER RECORD:** 15 starts, 0 wins, 0 poles, 1 top-five finish, 2 top 10s, career earnings of more than \$600,000.

**FIRSTS (WINSTON)**

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**HOW TOUGH WAS IT FOR YOU AFTER FAILING TO MAKE THE FIELD AT CHARLOTTE?** "It was definitely a mental week for me just trying to get ready, and then coming to a track I had never seen (Dover), and go from not making the race, and then on to another track where I'm just sure that we're going to struggle. It's been tough."

**AFTER YOU FINISHED FIFTH AT RICHMOND IN YOUR FIRST START, DID YOU THINK WINSTON CUP MIGHT BE EASIER THAN YOU THOUGHT?** "No. We tested twice for that race. We were very well prepared. As well prepared as we were, if another one of these teams was that prepared, they probably would have won that race. That was the greatest experience I've ever had. But I didn't let that fool me. Robert Yates didn't either. He told me, 'This is not normal.' And I knew that. I'd raced enough to know ... but it did tell me that I could race with these guys. Given time and experience, we can be competitive."

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## "Florida's Black Crappie Hot Spots"

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Beetlespin in warmer months will catch both bass and specks on about a 50/50 ratio, especially at the north end.

Throughout the winter months, crappie move into the burlushes to bed in about 4 feet of water and will readily take Missouri minnows.

Ramps available at the lake including Henderson's Fish Camp, Mossy Cove Fishing Resort and Trails End Fishing Resort.

### LOW BUSH BAY/EAGLE LAKE

Jerry Krumholtz, (904) 758-0530

Low Bush Bay, located north of White Springs, is a 400-acre reclaimed phosphate pit that is divided into two parts. The northern half required a \$50 per boat fee, while the south half is open to the public free of charge.

Loaded with nutrients, its bright green water has lots of important crappie forage in the form of shad. This factor contributes to an excellent fishery. So good, in fact, that a 12-inch minimum size limit is in effect.

Eagle Lake, about three miles away, is a very fertile partially reclaimed phosphate pit measuring 200 acres.

Anglers will score here through March and, maybe, into early April using Beetlespin and Missouri minnows under overhanging brush and near cattails.

### ST. JOHNS RIVER

Jay Holder or Joe Jenkins, (904) 985-7880

Stretching some 200 miles from southwest of Melbourne to its outlet on the Atlantic Ocean at Jacksonville, the St. Johns is one of the world's few rivers that flows north.

Famous for its bass fishing, the river is also home to high concentrations of speckled perch throughout its length, with the most notable sites being Lakes Jessup, Monroe and Woodruff.

Jessup is a highly eutrophic 10,011-acre "wide spot" in the St. Johns located southeast of Sanford that is surrounded by cattails with very little submerged vegetation. Very high crappie catch rates occur from December through March for anglers drifting or slow-trotting Missouri minnows or Hal-Flies.

Lake Monroe's 9,400 acres, located due north of Sanford, recently underwent a re-vegetation project by GFC staff resulting in burlush, eel and knotgrass plantings that improved its water quality and fish habitat. Speck activities here usually begin in October and continue through March, and a 12-inch minimum size limit is being proposed to protect quality fishing opportunities.

Due west of De Leon Springs and immediately south of Lake George, 2,200-acre Lake Woodruff has very little shoreline development and plenty of hydrilla, water lilies and eel grass serving as cover for large quantities of crappie which are particularly active from December through March.

### LAKE HARRIS

Marty Hale, (352) 357-6631

Historically, Lake Harris, a 13,788-acre body of water in the Oklawaha Chain, has been highly utilized by bass, speck and stream fishermen.

Lake Harris' "speck season" usually begins in early

January and will continue through most of April.

Look for fish in the grass during the cooler months using Missouri minnows, and in open water during the late-spring and summer months with Hal-Flies and Beetlespin.

While fishing for specks here, don't be surprised if you also catch quite a few sunshine bass, which often frequent the same type of habitat.

This lake also has two popular fishing piers and several GFC fish attractors located within casting distance from shore. One privately owned pier and boat launching pier is located at Hickory Point and has a \$2 per vehicle fee, while the other pier and ramp is free and can be found on Highway 27. Another free launching ramp is located near Venetian Gardens in Leesburg.

### LAKE WALK-IN-WATER

Marty Mann, (941) 648-3202

On most maps this body of water is referred to as Lake Weohyakappa, its Seminole Indian name. Because its original moniker is so difficult to pronounce, most anglers today call it by its easier-to-handle translation, Lake Walk-In-Water.

Although Lake Walk-In-Water, located east of Lake Wales, receives "tons of ink" for its truly spectacular bass fishing, this 7,523-acre honeyhole is also home to some wondrous crappie activity year around.

With an abundance of bottom vegetation and very little shoreline development, Walk-In-Water's anglers do quite well with bedding specks during the winter months with Missouri minnows.

In warmer periods, crappie are also taken in impressive numbers by those slow-trotting or drifting Beetlespin, tiny jigs behind a small cork float or bobber, Hal-Flies and, sometimes, Mopie spinners.

Boaters can launch at a public ramp located at the end of Walk-In-Water road, or at nearby Uncle Joe's Fish Camp.

### LAKE OKEECHOBEE

Don Fox, (941) 768-4666

To paraphrase English poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning: "Where do I catch thee? Let me count the places."

For starters: Okeechobee City, Buckhead Ridge, Moore Haven, Clewiston, South Bay, Belle Glade, Pahokee, Canal Point, Sand Cut or Port Mayaca.

Nobody can travel anywhere around this vast, shallow 530-square-mile soup bowl-shaped leviathan lake without bumping into massive numbers of speckled perch aficionados, especially from December through April when literally tons of fish will be hauled from its waters.

If a person could corner the Missouri-minnow market here for just a year, he or she would be wealthy beyond his or her wildest dreams as an army of anglers from throughout the nation descend upon Lake Okeechobee during the winter months to cash in on what may very well be the world's best speck fishing.

While crappie can be caught by drifters and slow-trotters in open waters and in the Kim Canal throughout the year, it's the cooler months that attract the multitudes.

It's often been said that if you can't catch specks at Lake Okeechobee in January through March, you'd better rush to a hospital because you've been snake-bit.

## CLEWISTON MOTOR SPORTS PARK SCHEDULE:

- June**
- Race nights: June 5, 12, 19, 26.
  - Special events: June 5 - The Summer Nationals "Double Points Race" June 21 - Father's Day • Practice: June 3, 17.
- July**
- Race nights: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.
  - Special events: 4th of July fireworks City of Clewiston (behind John B. Boy Auditorium) and the Baseball fields. • Practice: July 1, 15.
- August**
- Race nights: Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28.
  - Special events: Aug. 8 - Car parts swap meet. • Practice: Aug. 5, 19.

## National Fishing Week, June 6-7

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proclamation designating May 30 - June 7 "Fishing Week in Florida".

During the free fishing period all other fishing laws and regulations will remain in effect. A copy of the Florida Freshwater Sport Fishing Guide and Regulations Summary is available free from any fishing license vendor or GFC office.

In 1989, the Florida Legislature authorized the

GFC to designate two days each year as free fishing days. Since then, the GFC has set aside two days during National Fishing Week as a free fishing weekend.

For information about local fishing opportunities and activities during National Fishing Week, contact the regional office of the GFC or check out its home page on the internet at [www.state.fl.us/gfc](http://www.state.fl.us/gfc) for up-to-date fishing regulations and information.

## DAYTONA USA's 'Richard Petty Riding Experience' off to fast start

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Race fans visiting DAYTONA BEACH lined up in anticipation of the "ride-of-a-lifetime" Friday as Richard Petty's Ride Along Program kicked off its second season at Daytona International Speedway.

More than 170 wide-eyed participants took turns strapping into one of Petty's real-life stock cars to experience the "World Center of Racing" in an unforgettable fashion. The \$99 Ride Along Program, which includes admission to DAYTONA USA, the "Ultimate Motorsports Attraction", features three laps around Daytona's 2.5-mile tri-oval, taking the daunting 31-degree high banks at speeds of more than 110 mph.

Participants strap on a race helmet for a front-seat ride with a professional instructor at the wheel.

The Richard Petty Driving Experience's Ride Along Program will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: June 5-8; June 12-15; June 18-19; July 11-13; July 16-20; July

23-27; July 30-Aug. 3; Aug. 20-Aug. 24; Aug. 27-31; Sept. 4-7; Sept. 10-14; Sept. 17-21; Sept. 24-25; Oct. 10-11; (1-5 p.m. on Oct. 10); Oct. 29-Nov. 1; Nov. 11-15; (1-5 p.m. on Nov. 14). Schedule is subject to change.

DAYTONA USA, which features a variety of high-energy thrills and live shows for audiences of all ages, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours during race periods. Admission is \$12 for adults; \$10 for seniors 60 and over; and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

Western Auto's Parts America Speedway Tour, a 30-minute turn excursion throughout the Speedway's 480 acres is also available, weather and track schedule permitting.

For more information on the Richard Petty Riding Experience at DAYTONA USA, call (904) 947-6490. For ticket information on upcoming races at the Speedway, call (904) 253-7223. For information on DAYTONA USA, call (904) 947-6800 or visit <http://www.daytonausa.com>.

### Sale Good From June 3-9, 1998

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Reg. to \$1.19 Limit 16

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**BASKETBALL...** Children from Pahokee, Belle Glade, Martin County and Hobe Sound gathered at the Pahokee Recreation Center for a day of fun, games and food. Pictured above are boys, ages 12-18, competing in a game of basketball. There were six teams playing throughout the day.

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## Sports Fest '98 set for June 5, 6, 7

The 3rd Annual Marco-Naples Sports Fest '98 slated for June 5, 6, 7 provides 21 sport competitions over a three day period. David Rice, former Athletic Director at Fordham University in New York is the volunteer director of this event that benefits the YMCA. Said Rice, "The '97 event was attended by over 14,000 people and the Festival provides competitions for all ages, male, female, and all levels of experience." The Sports Fest was recently profiled in Sports in Florida magazine, published by the Florida Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, as a model program for Florida communities.

The sport competitions are: 5K, mini tri-athlon, tennis, swim-

ming, 25 mile in-line skate marathon, beach volleyball, 3 on 3 basketball, 3 point basketball shootout, racquetball, canoeing, 25 mile cycle race, 3 mile fitness walk, skeet shooting, pro-am golf tournament, kyacking, mile run, sailing, in-line hockey, softball, aggressive in-line skate, fishing and roller jam skate.

It's not all sports - a Celebrity Dinner features 25 sports personalities, an all day Beach Party, Kids Beach Olympics, Teen Dance, and a Pancake Breakfast. The host hotel is the Radisson Beach Suite Resort on Marco Island.

The Festival features lots of sports glamour with many sports personalities of present and past attending such as: Robert

Fletcher, US Karate Champion; Martin Kentos, Mr. Florida Heavyweight Body Builder; Eddy Matsger, World Record Holder In-Line Skate Marathon; Don Healy, Dallas Cowboys; Dick Drago, Boston Red Sox; Sam Foggini, NBA Washington Bullets; Terry Dean, University of Florida Quarterback; Bob Bennett, World Record Holder in Swimming; Ed Chesser, World Champion Swamp Buggy Racer; David Kocurek, Miami Dolphins; Jimmy Carnes, Olympic Track Coach; Krissy Stewart, Ladies Pro Bowler; Terry Weston, National Womens Volleyball Champion; and many others.

For a free brochure and registration form call 1-800-264-0825 or 941-389-8788.

## T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY HELD



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**FREE PIZZAZZ...** T-BALL AWARDS CEREMONY wraps up T-Ball season May 26. Above are uniformed T-Ball members enjoying the FREE pizza given to them, compliments of the Belle Glade Elks Lodge. The season started March 9 and continued until May 20. An awards ceremony held May 26, 6 p.m., at Airport Park honored the athletes (Names were unavailable by press time).

# Clewiston Motor Sports Park

## April/May Point Standings

### MINI MOD:

Barlow, Mark	2535
Frady, Larry	1287
Maddox, Rodney	1185
Jarvis, Tom	935
Hildebrand, Wayne	690
Logan, Andy	893
Byrd, Dale	625
Giffus Duane	806
Colliver, Brian	498
Crowe, Perry	537

### BOMBERS:

Parrish, Steve	2132
Williams, Scott	2081
Simmons, Franklin	1460
Loche, Mike	1297
Brown, Jessie	1235
Reynolds, Shirley	1154
Byassee, Lonnie	1134
Browning, Bill	1042
Wyland, Dan	715
Conner, Alex	697
Haslam, Carl	678
Wides, Shirley	669
Snod, Danny	620
Jay, Kenny	600
Turner, Harold	565
Izzy	454
Rhymes, Timmy	437
Revello, Mike	436
Dunn, Marla	419
Dodson, Steve	350
Price, Joe	343
Maddox, Michele	338
Griesmeyer, Ed	330
Henson, James	310
Brow, William	288
Agost, William	287
Andrews, William	264
Farmer, David	240
Harlow, Calvin	240
Kirkey, Donald, Jr.	170
Lamm, Dave	147
Wallace, Chancey	145
Vargo, Pete	128
Storer, Paul	116
Abner, Teddy	113
West, Horace	103
14X	101
Wahlsche, Richard	100
Stevens, Richard	99
Lenhardt, Rick	90
Schmall, Linda	80
Robinson, Mark	79
Gomez, Kendrick	79
Donald, Wildes	71
Henson, James	60

### STREET STOCK:

Griner, Steve	2049
Medinger, Steve	2003
Pearece, Jimmy	1940
Basquin, Jon	1653
Lott, Joe	1537
Wilcox, Joe	1437
Higginbotham, Kelly	1248
McCabe, Martin	869
Reynolds, Johnny	804
McNabb, Kathy	720
Dunston, Steve	712
Arnold, Tim	606
Hill, Tommy	431
Allen, Tommy	344
Brown, Jessie	332
Ridgill, Shane	296
Loche, Mike	244
Wildes, Donald	194
Taylor, Mark	123
Connel, Lee	98
Hunter, John	95
Fischer, David	92
Haslam, Carl	92
Eaton, Johnny	87
Pagino, Rick	81
Harris, Steve	80
Sadoski, Mike	72

### MINI STOCK:

Sutton, Paul	1696
Bradberry, James	1465
Hodges, Dean	1139
Westberry, Eric	1011
Davis, John	946
Long, Richie	846
Hill, Rodney	771
Caldwell, Chris	626
Waldron	262
Zeller, Jay	135
Hirschfield, Robert	105
Ridgill, Shane	95
Thibodeau, Dwayne	90

Clewiston Motor Sports Park is located between Clewiston and Moore Haven, one mile north of State Road 80 on U.S. 27. Gates open at 5 p.m., practice begins at 6:30 p.m. and the first race begins at 8 p.m. Kids under 12 are FREE! Hope to see you there.



## 3 month calendar of events

JUNE:	6	Wacky Bracket Series - Buy Backs
	13	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
	20	E.T. Bracket Race & Quick 32
	21	Outlaw Street Drags
	27	E.T. Bracket Race & Quick 32
	28	CCS Motorcycle Road Race
JULY:	4	CLOSED for Independence Day
	11	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
	12	Outlaw Street Drags
	18-19	SOCA Regional Road Race
	18	E.T. Bracket Race & Quick 32
	25	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
	26	CCS Motorcycle Road Race

AUGUST:	1	Wacky Bracket Series - Mulligan - All Run
	2	Hot Rod Sunday
	8	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
	15	Import Only Drag Racing and Test & Tune
	16	NIRA Import National Drag Race
	22	E.T. Bracket Race - Points
	23	CCS Motorcycle Road Race
	29	E.T. Bracket Race & Quick 32
	30	Outlaw Street Drags

Every Wednesday and Friday nights are 1/4 mile Test & Tune (practice). Open to any licensed driver. Gates open at 6 p.m. It is only \$10 to test your car and \$8 to watch. Children under 11 are FREE. Saturday night the gates open at 5 p.m. Spectator tickets are \$10, children under 12 are FREE.

For more information call (561) 622-1400.

## FLORIDA MARLINS 1998 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
June 4	OFF	OFF
June 5	@New York (AL)	7:35 p.m.
June 6	@New York (AL)	1:35 p.m.
June 7	@New York (AL)	1:35 p.m.
June 8	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 9	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 10	Toronto	7:05 p.m.
June 11	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 12	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 13	New York (NL)	7:05 p.m.
June 14	New York (NL)	4:35 p.m.
June 15	OFF	OFF
June 16	@Atlanta	7:40 p.m.
June 17	@Atlanta	7:40 p.m.
June 18	@Atlanta	1:10 p.m.
June 19	@New York (NL)	7:40 p.m.
June 20	@New York (NL)	4:10 p.m.
June 21	@New York (NL)	1:40 p.m.
June 22	@Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 23	@Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 24	Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.
June 25	Tampa Bay	7:05 p.m.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS END SEASON



**GIRL'S LITTLE LEAGUE - ROTARY CLUB** players from left to right are: (first row) Nadia Esquerri, Rachel McGhee, Deidra Moss, Andrea Browder, (second row) Shari Browder, Nikki Willis, Amanda Browder, Christa Stein, Carrie Gilmer, Jessica Longoria, Ranetta Clark and (third row) Cheryl Stein.



**GIRL'S LITTLE LEAGUE - LIONS CLUB** players from left to right are: (first row) Jessica Paez, Keren Rodriguez, Courtney Allen, Erin Francis, Brittny Pelham, (second row) Kirsten Duff, Ashley Baughman, Elizabeth Yance, Vanessa Roa, Jessica Figueroa, Jaimee Alvarez, Brandi Johnson, (third row) Liz Duff, Sherry Yance, Annette Francis and Sherri Paez.

## West Palm native named top administrator for South Florida

Mark Robson, 44, of Lake Worth was recently appointed Everglades Regional Director for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission (GFC). The 18-year GDC veteran is a West Palm Beach native who has spent his entire career in south Florida.

Robson will assume his new job on May 15. He will be the GFC's top administrator for ten counties comprising the Everglades Region in south Florida including: Palm Beach, Dade, Broward, Monroe, Collier, Martin, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, Indian River, and Hendry.

The current acting Everglades regional director is Major Jim Ries. He replaced the late Mr. Woody Darden who passed away shortly after resigning his post on February 27. He had served as regional director for three years.

Robson graduated from Forest Hill High School in West Palm Beach in 1977. After attending Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, he transferred to the University of Maine where he earned a bachelor's degree in wildlife management, graduating with distinction in 1976.

He began his GFC career in November, 1977 as a wildlife

management specialist at the Big Cypress Wildlife Management area biologist for the Big Cypress with responsibility for managing the resident wildlife populations, carrying out wildlife habitat enhancement efforts, conducting wildlife population surveys, and supervising the annual public hunts.

Robson left the GFC for two years to attend the University of Florida where he earned a master's degree in wildlife ecology with honors in 1982. His research was on the river otter.

In September, 1982, Robson returned to the GFC and became

the management area biologist at the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area located 20 miles west of West Palm Beach in Palm Beach County. This position entailed planning, budgeting, personnel supervision, an implementation of wildlife management strategies.

In December, 1985, Robson was named regional nongame wildlife biologist based at the Everglades Regional Office in West Palm Beach. As regional biologist for the nongame wildlife program, Robson conducted field studies and management of species such as bats, wading

birds, shorebirds, gopher tortoises, burrowing owls, songbirds, snakes, and endangered and threatened species.

Robson has written or co-authored a number of scientific articles for professional wildlife journals such as *Wildlife Society Bulletin*, *Florida Field Naturalist*, and *Bulletin of Marine Science*. He also authored a chapter on the red wolf, and co-authored a chapter on the short-tails hawk which were published in the *Endangered Biota of Florida* series of books.

The new GFC administrator

has been a member of The Wildlife Society since 1974. This is a national association for wildlife professionals. He has also been a member of the Florida Chapter of The Wildlife Society since 1977, serving as state chapter president from 1995 thru 1997, and southeastern representative from 1993 thru 1995.

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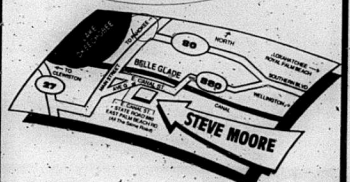
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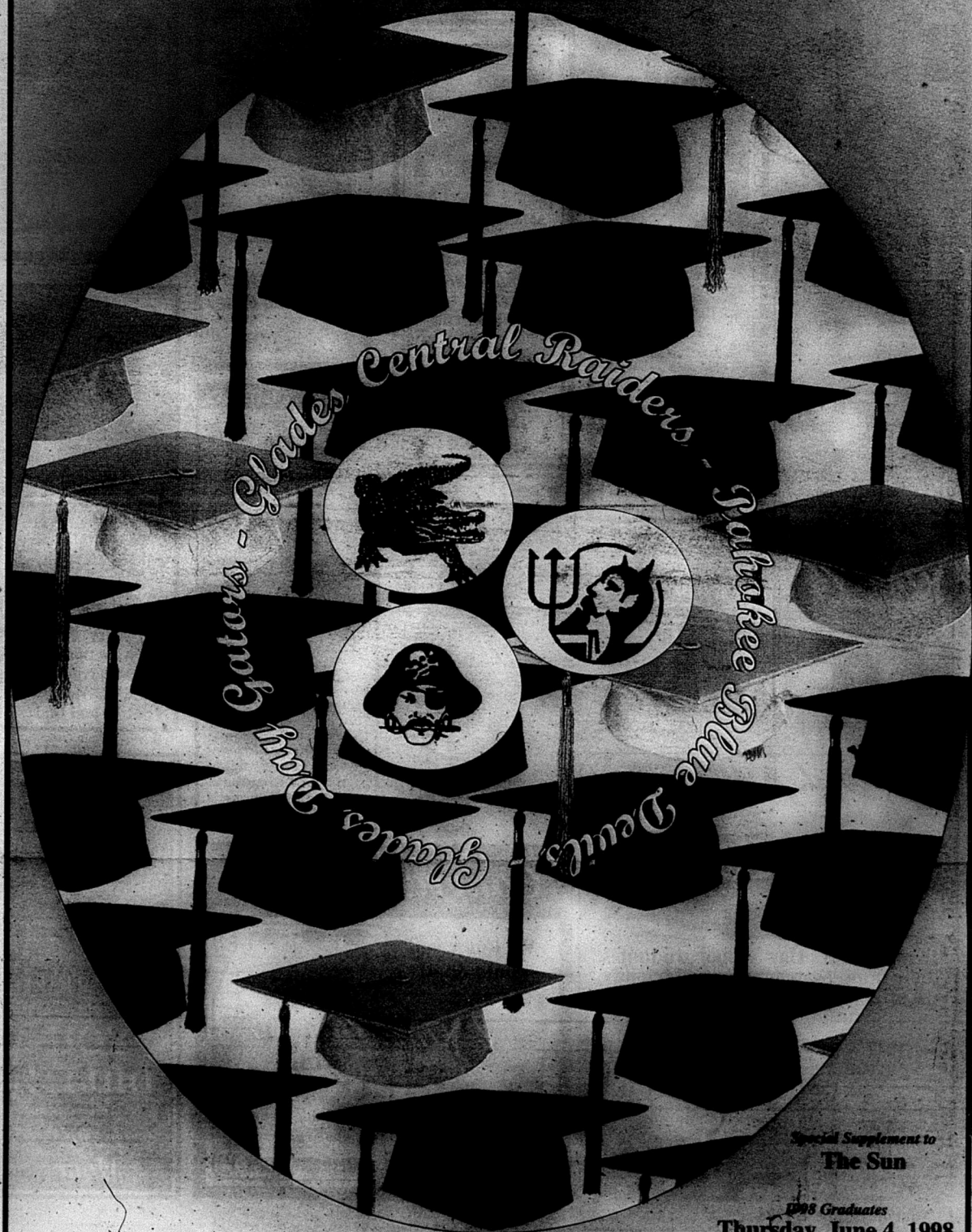
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# Gators of

## Co-Valedictorians

### Parker Cornell

Altman, son of Thomas & Deborah Altman of Belle Glade has a 4.00 grade point average for the 1997-98 school year.

He was named a National Merit Finalist. Parker is the President of the National Honor Society and President of the Student Council.

Parker Altman is very active in his school. He is a member of the Journalism Staff and Varsity Football athlete (Co-Captain of the team). He is involved in the Students Teach Students Program helping his fellow classmates achieve academic

excellence.

Among his academic skills, Parker also has an acting talent and participated in the Senior Class Play.



Every year, students all around Palm Beach County are chosen as Palm Beach Posts' Pathfinder Nominee's. This year, Parker Altman was one of those students chosen for Academic Excellence.

Parker has also been chosen as the recipient of U.S. Sugar

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In the fall Parker will be attending Princeton University and will play football.

**Courtney Lake Braddock**, daughter of Roscoe & Brenda Braddock of Belle Glade, has a 4.00 grade point average for the 1997-98

school year.

Courtney is a member of the National Honor Society. She is dually enrolled at Palm Beach

Community College.

She is a Varsity Volleyball athlete and has received the Unsung Hero Award.

Courtney is a recipient of the Bethesda Memorial Scholarship Award, the Principal's Scholar/Citizenship Award and is the Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Nominee for Literature.

After graduation, Courtney will be attending Lee University in Tennessee. She has been chosen as the recipient of Dean's Scholarship at Lee University and a recipient of U.S. Sugar Valedictorian Scholarship.



## Salutatorian

**Kristina Marie Perez**, daughter of Armando & Flora Perez of Wellington, has a 3.98 grade point average for the 1997-98 school year.

Kristina is a member of the National Honor Society, member of the Student Council and a member of the Yearbook Staff.

She is involved in the Students



Teach Students Program in efforts to help her peers reach academic excellence.

Kristina also participated in the Senior Class Play. She was nominated as Palm Beach Post Pathfinder Nominee for Math.

After graduation, Kristina plans to attend the University of Florida to continue her education.



## Glades Day





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# Raiders of

## Valedictorian

Lindsay Bennett, of Robert and Sarah Bennett, is the valedictorian of Glades Central's Class of 1998. Lindsay plans to attend Florida Atlantic University to major in Physical Therapy and Biology. She hopes that her love of theater and sports can also be combined to help her achieve a career as a dance therapist or sports therapist. Lindsay will enter FAU as an Outstanding Freshman. She has received the Volunteer League Presidential Scholarship and the Valedictorian Scholarship for FAU as well as the Palm Beach County Council of Teachers of English, the Classroom Teachers Association, Bright Futures and US Sugar Corp scholarships.

Lindsay was the District Ten Thespian State Student Representative this past year. She also served her school as co-president of the International Thespian Society; head writer of the yearbook, the Shield; editor of the literary magazine; member of the National Honor Society; secretary of Animals Alive; member of SouthEastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering, and winner of the SECME, Inc. essay contest.

Lindsay was nominated as the Pathfinder Literature entry for Glades Central based on the ACT scores, her writing ability and her passing of the Advanced Placement test for Literature.

A quest for Lindsay's has been to become involved in community awareness programs. She has written and produced, through grants awarded by the Safe Schools, two shows. Last year's production was to teach students at Glades Central about Anti-Gun Violence. This year, she produced a show concerning Anti-



Domestic Violence. She has also participated in Glades Central programs presented for the AIDS council. This year she helped with a presentation to the Glades Central Faculty about breast cancer. She collected money which was donated to the American Cancer Society.

Lindsay says a philosophy of life which she has chosen says, "no other road, no other way, no day but today." She says she is aiming high to achieve all that she can be and will not let anything stop her.

## Salutatorian

L'loren Patrice Dowdell, daughter of Albert and Marjorie Dowdell of Belle Glade, is Glades Central Community High School's Salutatorian for 1998.

L'loren has been in the top 5% of her class since beginning school. She was inducted as a member of the McKnight Achievers in 1994.

She has been awarded honors certificates in Algebra, Biology, Drama and Anatomy/Physiology and was named Who's Who Among American High School Students three consecutive years.

She is now president of the senior class, member of the student council, and a member of the National Honor Society since 10th grade. L'loren was also a member of Glades Central's County and Regional Champion

Black History Brain Bowl Team. She also received first place in the Elks Club Americanism Essay contest in 1997.

L'loren is civic minded and has volunteered more than 800 hours of her time to help the mentally retarded citizens in one of the local group homes. She also volunteers at the Children's Clinic and assisted in the National Honor Society's blood drive.

In 1997, L'loren attended the National Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. She was also a Pathfinder Nominee for Academic Excellence. She graduated from the County Youth Leadership Program in 1997.

L'loren has been accepted to the University of Florida pre-medical program where she plans to work toward a career as a pediatrician.



# Glades Central







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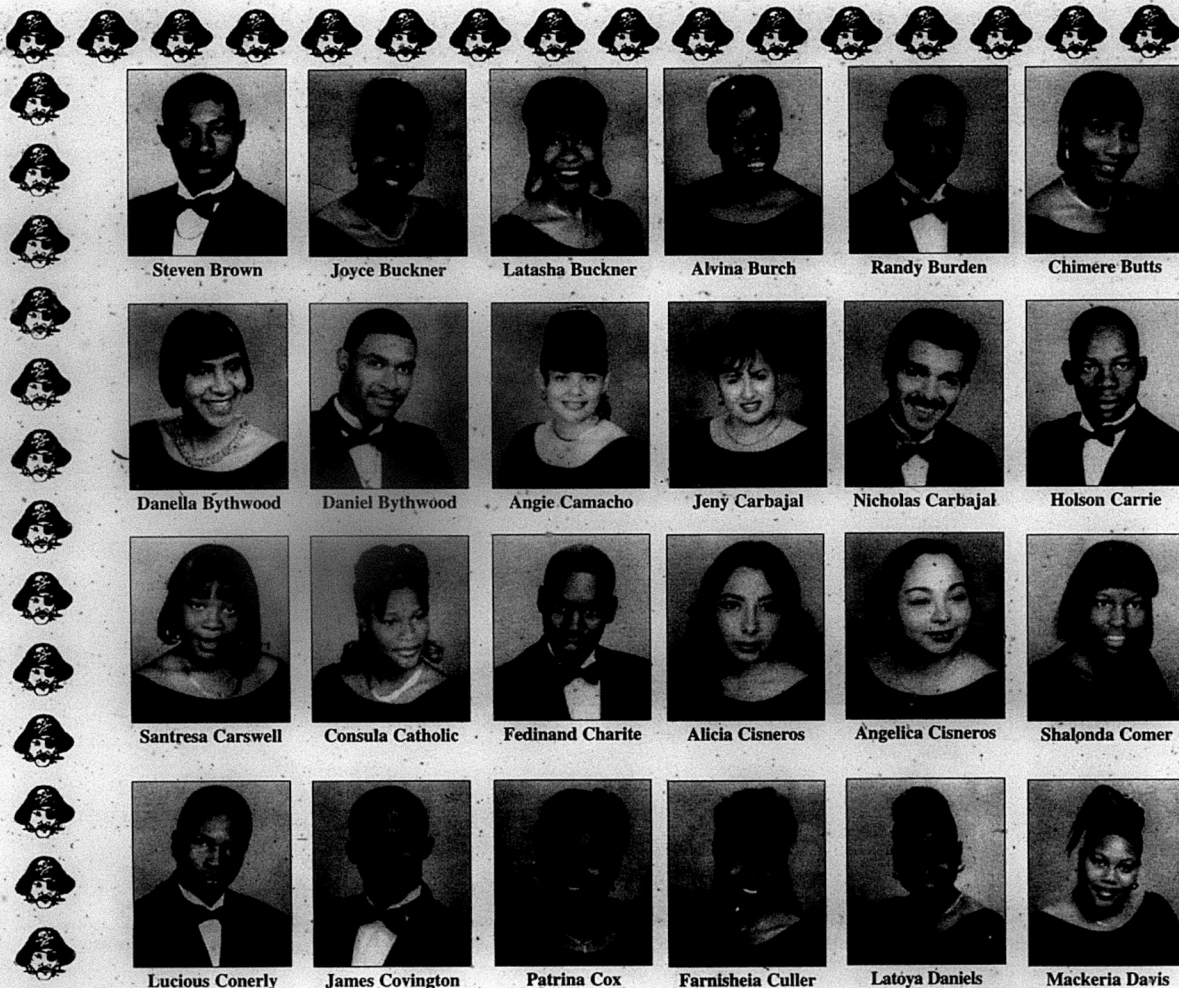
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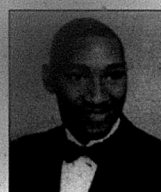
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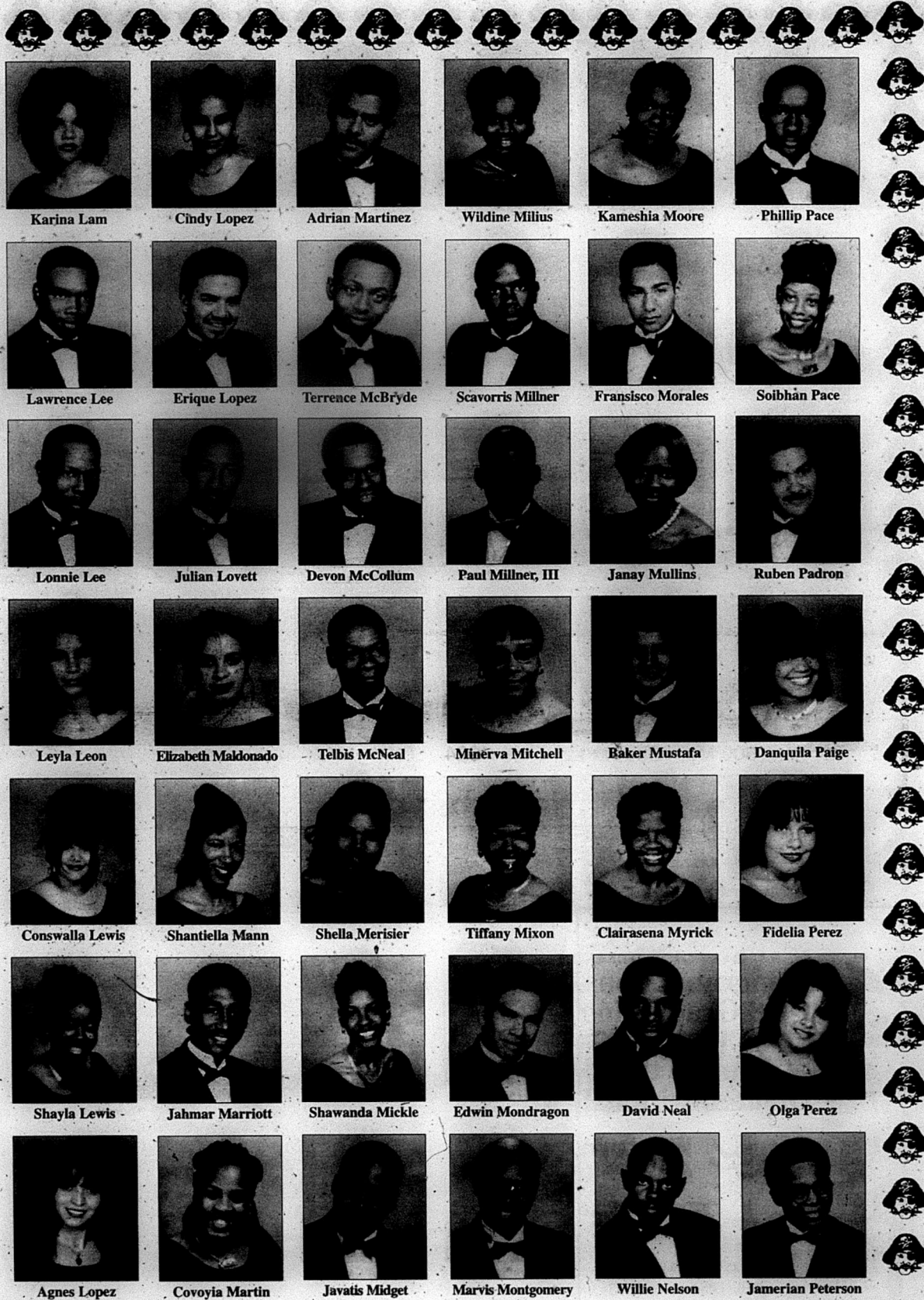


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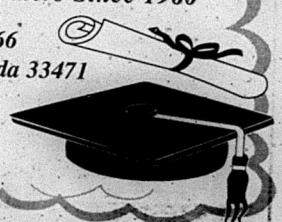
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## Valedictorian

George Perez, the valedictorian of Pahokee High School Class of 1998, has been an altar server at St. Mary's Parish in Pahokee for seven years.

George, 18, is the son of Melchor and Natividad Perez who arrived from the Philippines more than seven years ago and have since resided in Pahokee.

He is a National Honor Society student and participates on his school advisory council. George is a member of the Air Force Junior ROTC, SECME student council and has volunteered more than 100 hours to W.I.N. West Palm, Inc., and St. Mary's Parish.

Perez is a cadette/lieutenant colonel in the Air Force JROTC and is the Palm Beach County ROTC joint staff commander.

George Perez was among a small group of students across the country who attended the National Youth Leadership Forum of Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy - a week-long forum held in Washington, D.C. Three representatives from Pahokee High School attended this forum out of 1,200 juniors and seniors across the Western hemisphere.

Among his highest achievements, George captured the most awards - seven in total - for his participation in the Morchouse College math/science program last summer in Atlanta.

George plans to pursue a military career while earning a master's degree in biotechnology. He has recently been named recipient of a \$50,000 four-year Air Force ROTC grant. He plans to attend either Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Florida. Among all these accomplishments, George said he always finds time to play with his rock band, which consists of his older brother, Leo and younger sister, Nancy.

"I play the guitar, compose music and sing on occasion," George said.

George will enter a parish scholar-



ship program this month. Each year St. Mary's gives out \$2,000 in scholarships for three needy students from the parish. The applicants petition for this scholarship by writing an essay about why they feel they should be the recipient of the scholarship and what community services they perform.

After reviewing the applications, the scholarship committee then chooses an outstanding, hard-working student who gives back to their community.

## Salutatorian

LaTisha Jones, the daughter of Linda and Joseph Jones Jr. was raised to be a young lady who promotes ethics and reasoning, emphasizing honesty and respect. Throughout the course of her middle and high school career, LaTisha has accepted challenges both academically and socially and remains poised and undaunted.

She has committed herself to her school, community and possesses an inner desire to make a positive mark on the world. LaTisha has over 200 hours of community service to The First Apostolic Assembly in Pahokee, St. Mary's Catholic Church, the middle school STRAPPED Program, National Honor Society, W.I.N. (West Palm, Inc.), and the community through Air Force Junior ROTC. LaTisha has been chosen by Rep. Addie Green to serve as a messenger for a week in the Florida House of Representatives during the 1997 Legislative Session.

LaTisha is currently the Salutatorian of Pahokee Middle Senior High School's class of 1998. LaTisha has earned the position of Cadet Corps Commander of the FL 9314 JROTC Unit at Pahokee and currently holds the highest rank achieved in the AFJROTC Program (Cadet



Colonel). She was selected in the NASA Sharp Plus Apprentice Program where she studied Physics and Chemistry at the Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana in the summer of 1996 and 1997. She is the Vice President of National Honor Society, Secretary

to the McKnight Achiever Society, a member of Kitty Hawk Air Society (an honor program of JROTC), a Woman's Forum Teen Board member, and a Pathfinder Nominee for science. LaTisha says she is a perfectionist, but remains flexible and open to new ideas and suggestions.

For the past four years, LaTisha has been an active member of the AFJROTC Honor Guard, which consists of the Color Guard, Drill Team, and Rifle Team. She has received numerous awards, trophies, ribbons due to her determination to be the best in each of her activities. LaTisha has been named the recipient for the \$35,000, three years ROTC scholarship. She will attend the University of South Florida in Tampa, starting the fall of '98. There she will major in pre-medicine and/or nursing. Her ultimate goal is to improve the health of mankind by being a Pediatrician.

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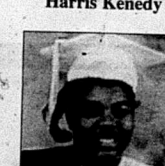
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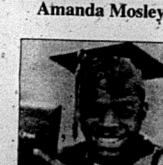
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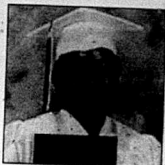
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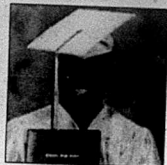
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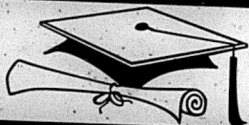
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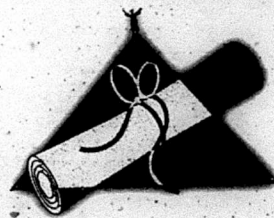
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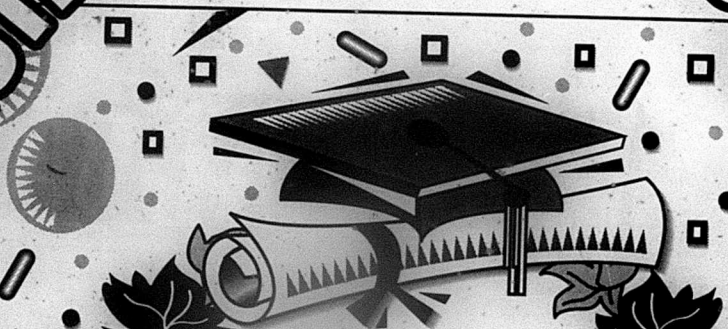
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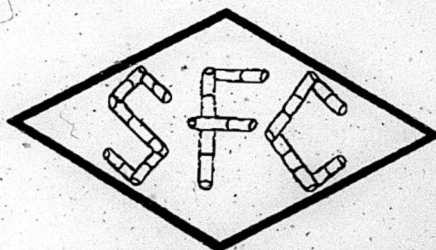


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The most common prostate problem is *benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)*, an enlargement of the prostate. This condition can cause discomfort and problems with urination. More than half of the men in the United States over the age of 50 have BPH. This is *not* cancer, but the symptoms are similar to those of prostate cancer, including a high level of PSA.

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## FITNESS FUN TEST

Summer is approaching and now is the time to shape up to look fit in our best beach wear! So, let's tighten those abs, burn some fat, and join in on the Second Annual Fitness Fun Fest. Sponsored by the Department of Cardiac Rehabilitation and Wellness, the contest is open to all employees of Glades General Hospital. It will begin on Wednesday, April 1st and run seven weeks, finishing on Wednesday, May 20th. National Employee Health and Fitness Day.

Points will be earned by completing different fitness challenges around the hospital. The person accumulating the highest number of points will win the First Place Prize of \$75.00. Second Place is worth \$50.00 and Third Place is worth \$25.00.

To enroll, stop by Cardiac Rehab/Wellness exercise room and pick up your information packet and talley sheet. **GOOD LUCK!**

### *Our Mission*

To be the hospital of choice for the residents and visitors of Western Palm Beach County by providing the highest quality of services for general medical and surgical needs, health education, preventative medicine, and early intervention in the course of illness.

### *Our Vision*

- ◆ To participate in the development of a model healthcare system for the Glades Region, by supporting and strengthening the network of public and private healthcare providers in Western Palm Beach County.

- ◆ To adapt existing services or add new services to address new and/or unmet healthcare needs in the community.

- ◆ To remain financially able as an institution to support quality healthcare, in accordance with regulatory and licensing agencies, with the efficient and prudent use of tax monies.

- ◆ To maintain a commitment to a healthcare environment which utilizes the principles and practices of continuous quality improvement.

### *Our Values*

We, as a healthcare institution, define our values as:

- ... compassion in our approach to care,
- ... the recognition of the rights of all individuals to treatment with dignity,
- ... respect and caring for those served and those who serve,
- ... safety and cleanliness of the internal and external environment,
- ... continual improvement of the quality of our performance.



As 5th graders across the country prepared to descend on Washington, D.C. for the annual Safety Patrol field trip, Rosenwald Elementary's own Jose Espinoza was doing his best to get well enough to join them on a trip he had been looking forward to for a long time. But it wasn't meant to be. Jose's biggest disappointment was that he wasn't going to be able to see the "big White House."

Sometimes prayers are answered in unexpected ways. As CEO Gene Faile, explained to Jose, "Sometimes when you can't

go the White House, the White House comes to you!"

When Mrs. Clinton's Press Secretary, Sandra Tijerina, heard about Jose, she spoke with Mrs. Clinton and they sent him a package full of pictures of Mr. & Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Clinton with his new puppy, Air Force One, Socks the cat, and the White House itself. Jose was thrilled as he and Mr. Faile shared the photos with Dr. Jesus Palacio and Patty Hood, R.N. "I'm going to take these home and put them in a very safe place. I can't believe they sent these to me!" said a very happy young man.

At Glades General Hospital, we care about our patients' health and we care about our patients!

## MEDICATION EDUCATION

Medicines are a modern miracle. It seems that there's a pill for anything that bothers you, and, there are many times when a pill makes you feel better and is important for staying healthy.

While every medication has a specific purpose, each also has possible side effects that can cause problems. Every time you get a new drug prescribed for you or you consider taking an over-the-counter medication, ask your doctor or pharmacist the following questions:

- How will this drug help me?
- Is there anything else I can do besides take this medicine?
- Is this the lowest dose and if not, why not?
- What are the possible side effects?
- What should I do if I have a reaction?
- Does this medicine interact with other medicines or foods I'm taking?
- What should I do if I miss a dose?

It is important that your doctor(s) and pharmacist know what medications you are taking...both prescription and over-the-counter.

- Keep a personal record of all your medicines. Show this record to each doctor you see. (Keep this list in your wallet.)
- Organize and store your medications according to your pharmacist's advice, safely and out of children's reach. Put a list of all the pills you are taking and at what time in a convenient place. Another option would be to use a special box or tray with compartments, to aid in compliance with scheduling.
- Choose a pharmacist that you feel comfortable talking to and a drug store that is well run and convenient. Many pharmacies have computers that check all medications you take for possible problems.
- If, like many people, you get some of your medicines by mail, read all the materials that come with your order. Some mail order companies have pharmacists available who you can call with your questions.
- Check your medications for expiration dates and dispose of them in a proper manner.

If you think you have a problem with your medications, talk with your doctor. **Don't stop taking your medication on your own.** You need your doctor's help.

## Can Your Baby Hear?

Hearing loss is a hidden handicap because children, especially infants and toddlers, cannot tell us that they do not hear.

No disability impacts an infant's ability to communicate with the world as severely as hearing loss. Profound hearing loss isolates the infant in a cocoon of silence. Even mild hearing loss when left untreated, inflicts learning disabilities which may never be overcome. The severity of these learning disabilities is generally related to the length of time the hearing loss is left untreated.

Hearing loss is the most widespread chronic problem for children. It's also the least recognized problem, because it's invisible. More than 100,000 children under age five in the U.S. suffer from a hearing loss.

During the past decade, significant advances have greatly improved our ability to identify hearing loss in the earliest days of life.

Dr. Mayra de Lourdes Zeno is currently performing hearing screens on newborns every Friday in Suite 9 of Physicians' Park, 1199 South Main Street, Belle Glade. Beginning July 1st, screenings will be done on Mondays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

*If you are interested in having your baby's hearing tested and your baby is six months old or less, please contact Dr. Zeno at 996-6571 ext. 391.*

## Your Baby's Hearing Checklist

Birth to 3 months

- Quiets or diminishes activity when approached by sound (hears parent's voice)
- Is startled by loud sound (startle = blink, body jerk, cessation of sucking, sudden cry)

3 to 6 months

- Looks to speaker's voice
- Turns head to search for source of a voice
- Enjoys rattles, noise-making toys
- Anticipates feeding by familiar sounds (bottle rattling, spoon in dish, etc.)

6 to 10 months

- Reacts to music by cooing
- Responds to own name
- Looks to right person when words "Mommy" and "Daddy" are said

10 to 15 months

- Shows understanding of common words such as "no" "all-gone," "bye," "nightie-night"
- Babbles (sounds like da, ba, ma)
- Knows names of favorite toys and can point to them when asked
- Likes rhymes and jingles
- Imitates simple words and sounds

## The Heart of the Matter

As members of the nursing staff watched, mesmerized, Dr. Reddy Vardhan, General and Vascular Surgeon, dissected a cow's heart. Through this "hands on" in-service, the nurses were able to better understand the anatomy and physiology of the heart and appreciate the intricacies of heart/vascular surgery.



## Fine-Tuning Our Management Team

A warm welcome to **Marian Schutzman-Smith**, Human Resources Director, who comes to us with four years Human Resource Management experience. Marian's wide range of knowledge in this field will greatly benefit the employees of GGH.

We also welcome **Zane Coker**, Food Services Director, who comes to us with twenty years of experience in this field. Zane has worked in a wide variety of food service specialties including ALF's, nursing homes, hospitals and universities. This man really knows his way around a kitchen!

Another welcome addition to our management team is **Rob Koper**, Laboratory Manager. Rob comes to us from

Everglades Regional Medical Center where he was Laboratory Manager since 1986. Rob is an ASCP MT and comes to us with outstanding references from Palm Beach Pathology. His knowledge and experience will benefit not only the staff, but the community we serve.

And finally, but no less warmly, welcome to **Bill Dalton**, Health Information Services Director (formerly Medical Records). Bill has approximately five years of experience in the medical field and is certified as a Registered Records Administrator with a Masters in Business Administration. Bill's extensive JCAHO regulatory compliance experience will be an asset to our hospital staff.



# GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL

## *Our Patients Speak For Us...*

Dear Glades Hospital Staff:

I appreciate everything you all have done for me. This is from the bottom of my heart -- every shift, every staff came when I called, helped me when I needed help. An administrator, I think her name is Debbie, came to visit almost every day. I want to applaud all the staff for their caring and generosity, even in the difficult times when I had to get a blood transfusion and a lumbar puncture. The OR staff calmed me down when I was crying and reassured me about the procedure.

Dr. Abu and Dr. Thomas-Richards treated me as if I were their mother.

This is my first stay at Glades General Hospital and I appreciate the time the staff took to really talk to me and listen, too.

Love,  
Shirley

## ***A Word of Thanks...***

Dear Mr. Faile,

It is very rare that we as nurses here at Glades General Hospital get to experience the role of being a patient.

I had surgery here yesterday and I just felt that you should know how excellent the nursing care was.

The OR nurses alleviated my anxiety about surgery and made me feel much more comfortable.

I may be a little prejudiced about my fellow co-workers in OB, but again, I had excellent care.

My experience as a patient was very positive and if I ever have to have surgery again, I would definitely choose Glades General!

Sincerely,  
Lois



In celebration of Patient Access Day, our Business Office Management, Laurie Corcoran and Dallas Belcher, treated their staff to a luncheon. They were given Glades General Hospital water bottles, pens, and pads in appreciation of their dedication and service to our patients.

"This front office staff is our first access to the patients we serve. They are responsible for the registration, insurance verification, pre-authorization for ER, Out Patient, Same Day Surgery and In-Patient Admissions" remarked Ms. Corcoran. "Dallas and I really appreciate the hard work they do and are happy that there is a day of recognition



## **Our Best Keep Getting Better!**

We are proud to announce that Lynn Foley, R.N., Nurse Manager for Obstetrics, has earned a special Certification in Inpatient Obstetrics, entitling her to the distinction of using the title of RNC, Registered Nurse Certified.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE...

This poem was written by Jerondio Clitar Encienzo, Jr., B.S.M.T., from our Laboratory. What a beautiful way of expressing appreciation. We give you...

### "THE AMERICAN DREAM"

Thousands of miles across the Pacific  
Leaving those beautiful and exotic  
Seven thousand, one hundred islands -  
The Republic of the Philippines.

FILIPINOS we are called -- with brown complexion  
And with the sweetest smiles and memories of  
Our loving parents, relatives and friends.

Thousands of people all over the world,  
Thousands of reasons and endless dreams  
That somehow and somewhere along our way  
Comes the greatest opportunity  
In this land of milk and honey...

Thousands flocked into its door,  
Into the door of opportunities,  
With all its captivating beauty and charms -  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA..  
Leaving behind all our fears and insecurities  
Just to achieve the "American Dream."

As we wander along the paths of our dreams,  
The brightest light leads our way  
Into the most tender caress and loving arms  
Of our beloved GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL.



*Have a question about Physical Therapy...*

### JUST ASK CARMEN

**Q:** What is one basic need for a good exercise program?

**A:** A good exercise program is an outlined program which is individualized to meet the goals for each activity.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards on the opening of his Orthopaedic and Hand Center of the Glades. Sharing the site is the North Campus of Glades General Hospital's Physical Therapy Department.

The February Open House was a tremendous success thanks in part to the culinary expertise of our new Dietary Manager, Zane Coker, and the wonderfully planned, self-guided tour.

If you were unable to attend, please call 996-2663 for a personal tour. We know you'll be impressed!

Physical Therapy wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest addition...Melissa Morelos. Melissa is a Licensed Physical Therapist who recently moved to the Wellington area from Greenfield, Wisconsin. She is the perfect addition to our team!

## Welcome to the New Members of our Family

Veronica Daniels	OB
John Norman	Lab
Mary Anderson	Lab
Barbara Rodriguez	Personnel
Tracy Manderville	Lab
Gloria Wyatt	Lab
Julie Pace	ER
Elizabeth McKeenan	OB
Olivia Butts	CCU
Deanna Pelham	HIS
Maria Garcia	OB
Mrla Ruiz	Business Office
Michela Trevino	Business Office
Linda Brown	Med/Surg
Martha Davila	Business Office
Kenzea Osborne	OB
Loretta Henson	Radiology
Judy Walker	Radiology
Sherry Santos	Radiology
Sylvia Hall	OB
Debbie Holihan	ER
Beatrice Allen	Business Office
Diane Edwards	CCU
Brenda Berryhill	Med/Surg
Myrie Winsone	Env. Services
Elaine Gulley	OB
Tracey McKelton	ER
Dawn Anderson	ER
Miguel Colon	Radiology
Jorelyn Dinglasan	CCU
Sue Leon	CCU
Sherri Landry	CCU
Delia Sparkman	OB
Stacey Raineri	Radiology
Angeline Canuopen-Hitosis	CCU
David Cano	Env. Services
Myra Baker	Food Services
Howard Wider	Food Services
Diane King	OR
Janet Smith	CCU
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Thomas Burrus	Communications
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Jeannie Rocha	OR
Bunny Robison	Peds
Berris Reid	CCU
Alma Wallace	OB
Regina Young	OR
Michelle Steele	Business Office
Christy O'Neal	Communications
Gretchen Cruz	Communications





## EARLY DETECTION IS THE KEY

By  
Krishna Tripuraneni, M.D., MBA FACG

Colon cancer is the second most common cancer. When detected early, **more than 90% can be cured.**

Most colon cancers start as polyps, which are small, tumor-like growths that project from a mucous membrane surface. Polyps can usually be removed through a colonoscopic exam.

The key to early detection of colon polyps and cancer is the concern and willingness of people to seek medical attention from a physician. Symptoms can include rectal bleeding, weight loss, a change in bowel habits, abdominal pain, and anemia.

The tests used by physicians to detect colon polyps and cancer are:

- stool exam to detect hidden blood
- sigmoidoscopy and/or colonoscopy (which are visual exams of the large bowel)
- barium enema

Heredity is probably the most important factor for polyps forming, but there are other risk factors,

- ◆ a diet of red meats and fatty foods
- ◆ being over age 50
- ◆ a history of breast cancer
- ◆ a history of ulcerative colitis

This cancer does not need to be fatal! There is much that can be done to prevent and cure this disease. The essential, first-step is **yours! Call for additional information and a colon cancer screening.**

Glades General Hospital recommends you contact Dr. Tripuraneni, Palm Beach Medical Associates in Belle Glade at 561-996-5600 or in Loxahatchee at 561-795-3330.

## HOUSE CALLS

We hope that you'll join us every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. on WBGF FM 93.5/WSWN AM 900 when Glades General's, Terri Calsetta, hosts House Calls. Sponsored by the Palm Beach County Health Care District, House Calls is a call in talk show that explores a wide variety of health and safety related topics. We've covered subjects such as Child and Spousal Abuse, Breast Cancer, Organ and Tissue Donation, Asthma, Holiday Stress and Safety, Cardiac Rehab, Telemetry, Laboratory Tests that Save Lives, Medications, Lupus, Chinese Medicine, Physical Therapy and much more.

If there's a subject you would like to learn more about and hear discussed on House Calls, please give Terri a call at Glades General at extension 444.

We hope you'll tune in and join in by calling 996-9243 with your questions and comments.



### *Time Flies When You're Having Fun*

*Warmest congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Gene Jaile, CEO and Administrator of Glades General, on the first anniversary of his employment, May 19th. Keep up the good work!*

*Department Managers  
and  
Staff*

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